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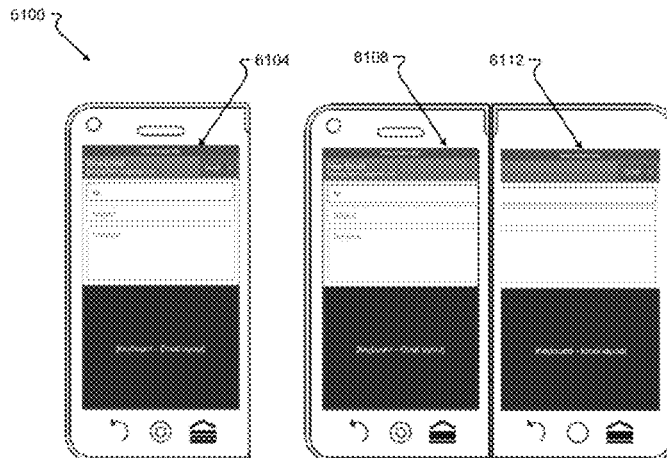
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(57) **ABSTRACT**

Methods and devices for selectively presenting a user interface for an email application are provided. More particularly, a change in the operating mode of a multiple screen device from a multiple screen operating mode to a single screen operating mode, or from a single screen operating mode to a multiple screen operating mode, can be determined. Moreover, a change in the operating mode can effect a change in a presentation of a user interface associated with an email application. More particularly, a presentation of a user interface can be retained, where the number of screens of the device in view of the user is changed, provided a user interface for the email application remains in view of the user after the change in operating mode.

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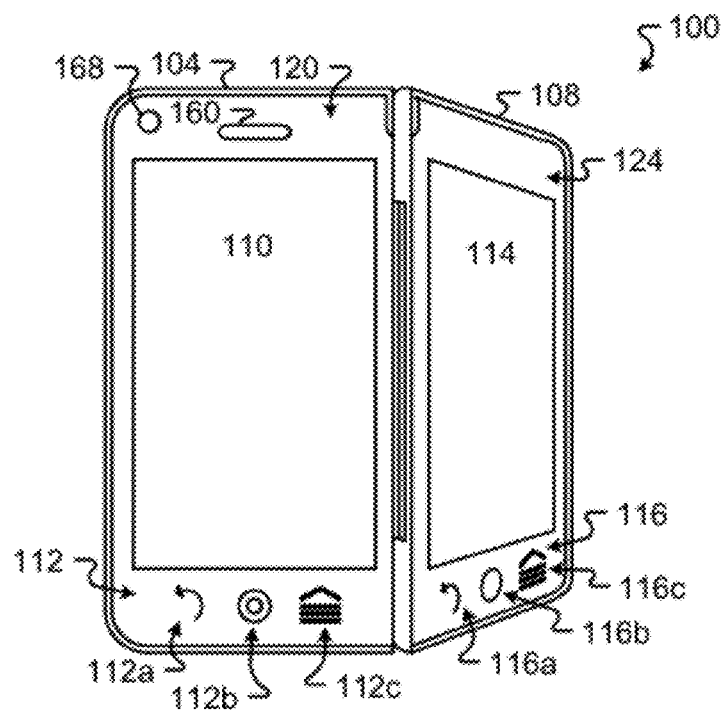


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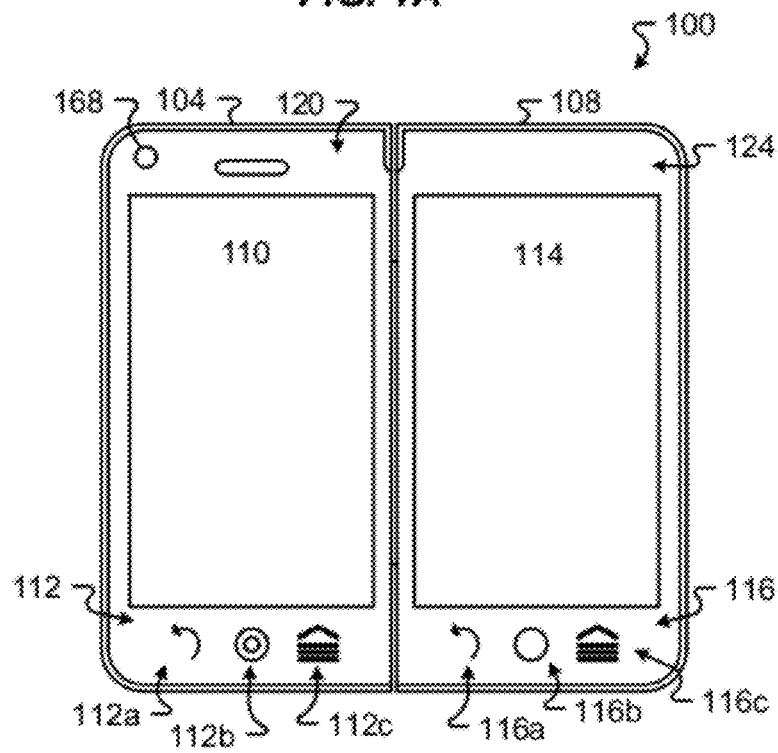
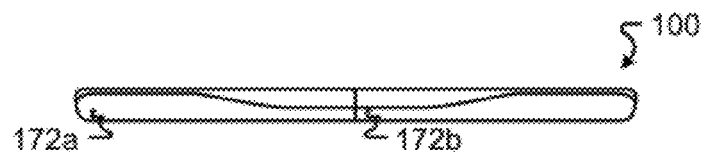
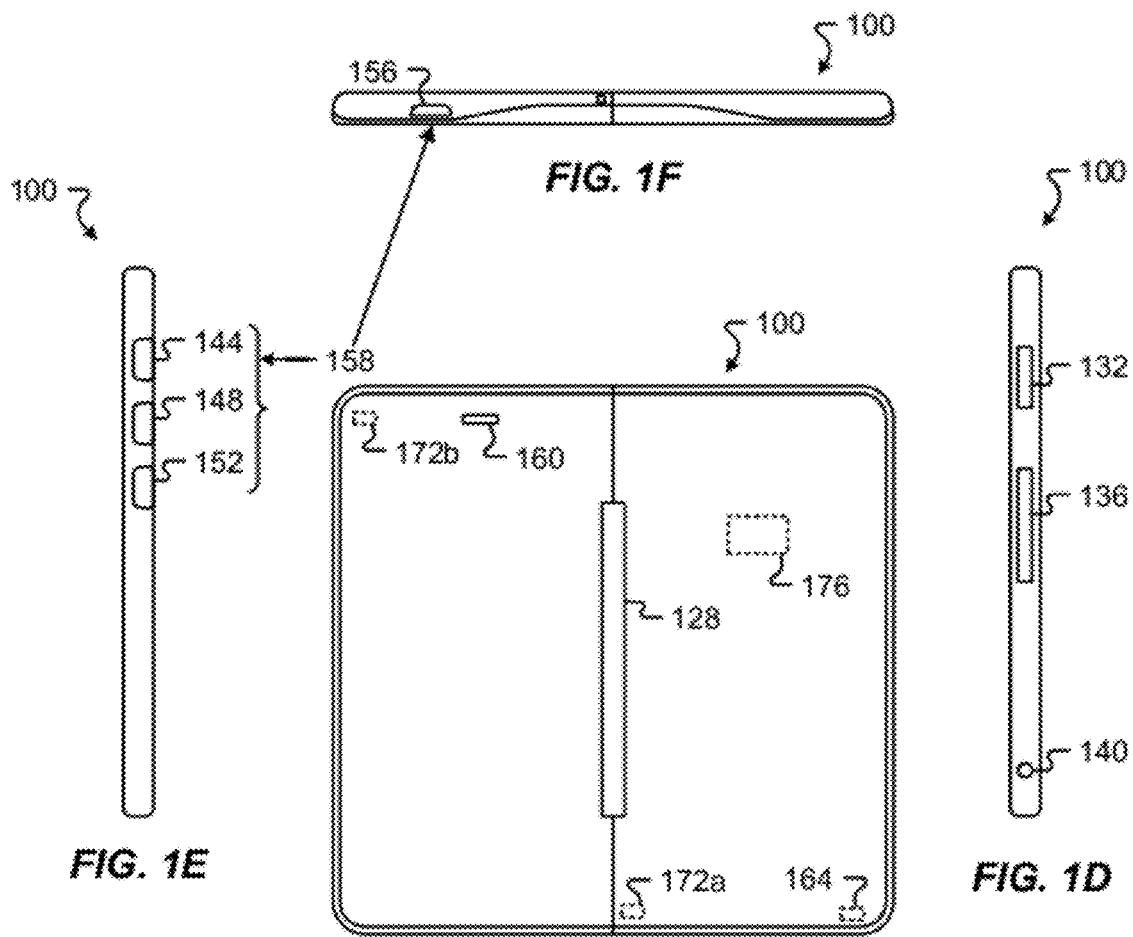


FIG. 1B



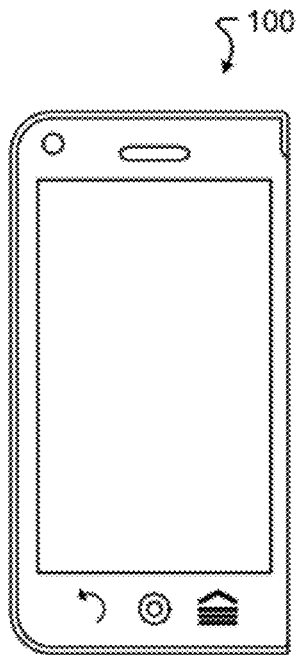


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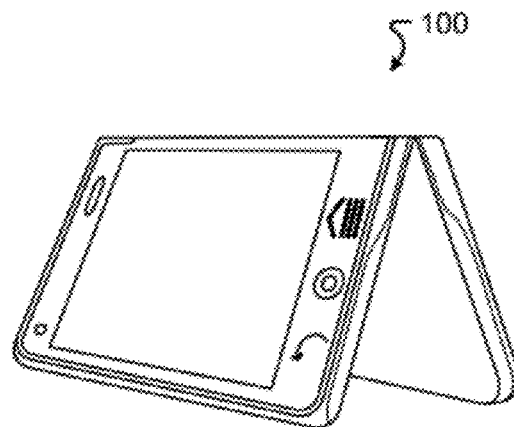


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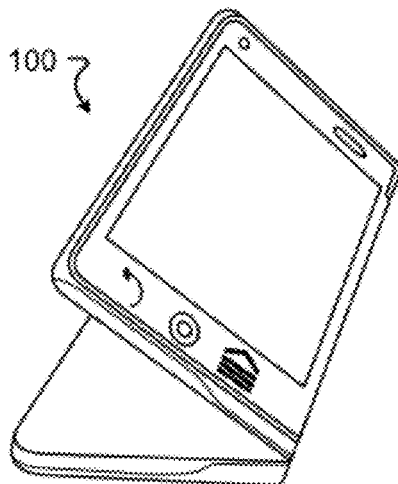


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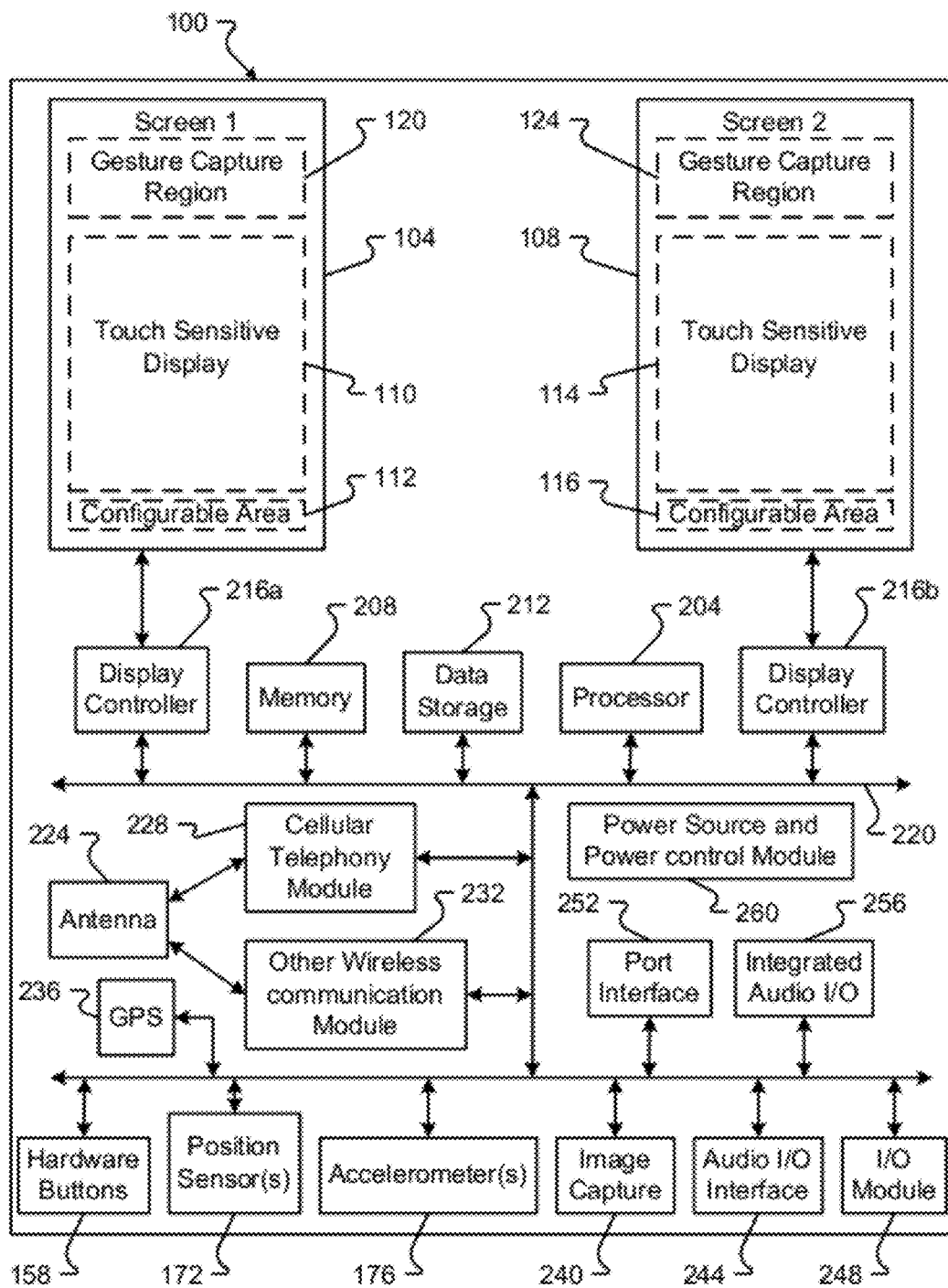


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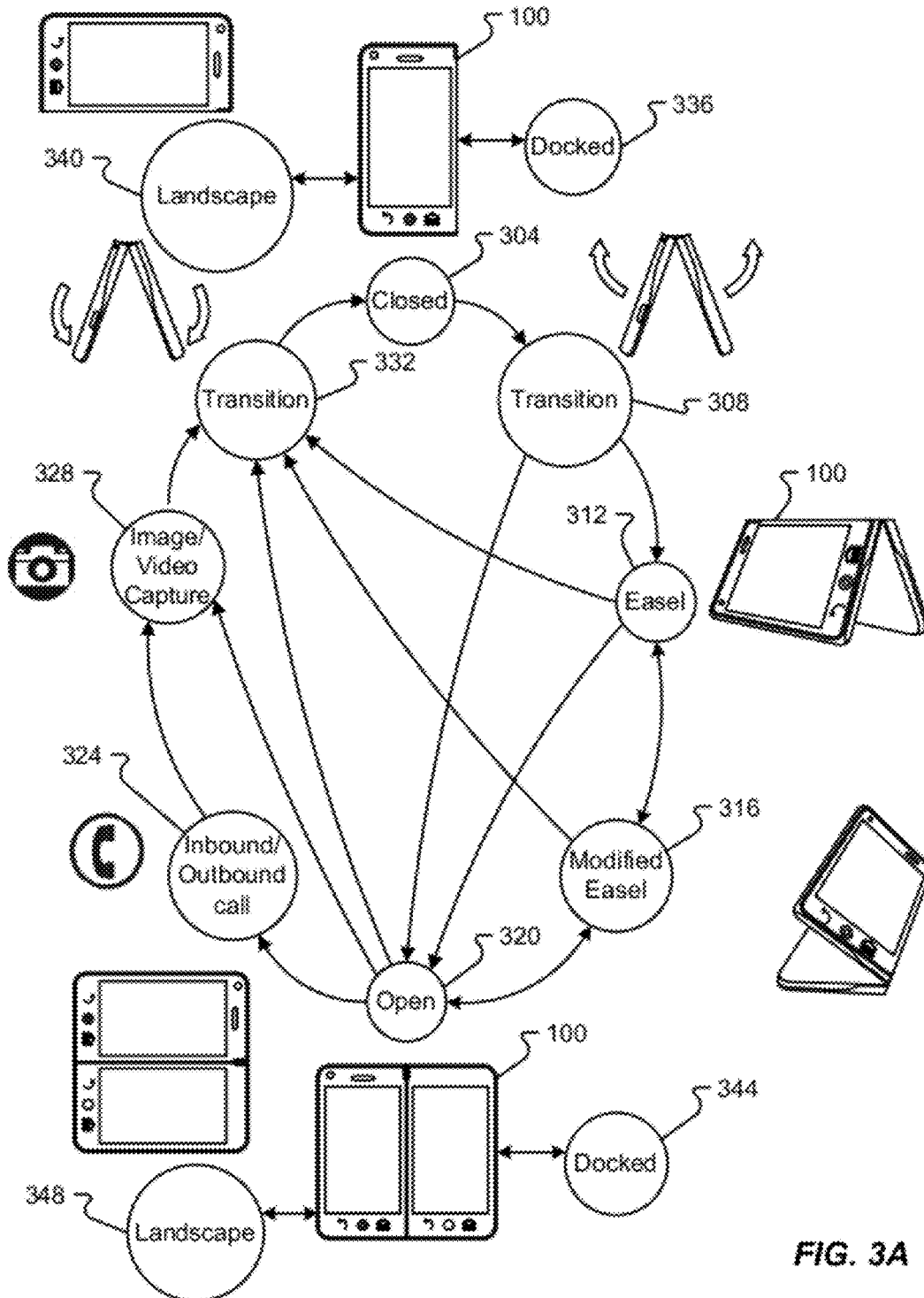


FIG. 3A

	PORTRAIT						LANDSCAPE					
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P	X	HT	HT	HT	P	I	AT	HAT	HAT	HAT	P	I
O	HT	X	HAT	HAT	P	I	HAT	AT	HAT	HAT	P	I
R	HT	HT	X	X	P	I	HAT	HAT	HAT	HAT	P	I
T	HT	X	HT	HT	X	I	HAT	HAT	HAT	HAT	X	I
R	HT	X	HT	HT	P	X	HAT	HAT	HAT	HAT	X	HAT
I	HT	HT	HT	X	P	X	HAT	HAT	HAT	HAT	X	HAT
A												
T												
L	AT	HAT	HAT	HAT	P	I	X	HT	HAT	HAT	P	I
A	HAT	AT	HAT	HAT	P	I	HT	X	HAT	HAT	P	I
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D	HAT	HAT	HAT	HAT	P	I	HT	HT	HAT	X	P	I
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C	HAT	HAT	HAT	HAT	HAT	AT	HT	HT	HT	HAT	P	X
A												
P												
E												
DOCKED												

Key:
H - Hall Effect Sensor(s)
a - accelerometer(s)
T - Timer
P - communications Trigger
I - Image / Video capture Request

FIG. 3B



FIG. 4A



FIG. 4B

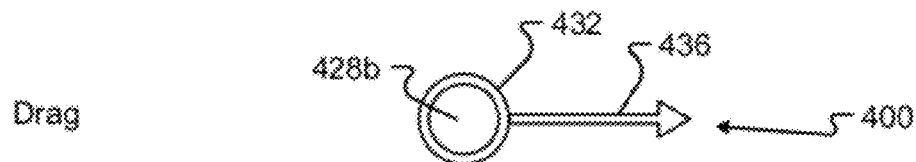


FIG. 4C



FIG. 4D

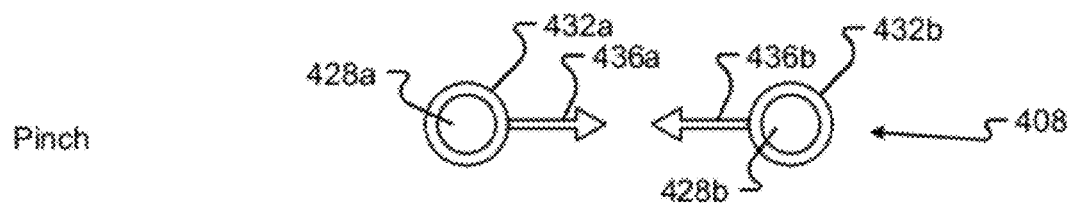


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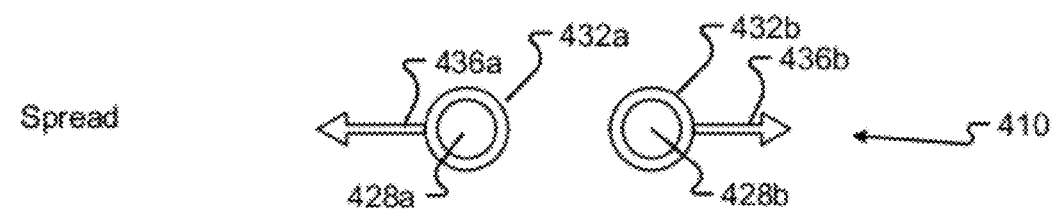


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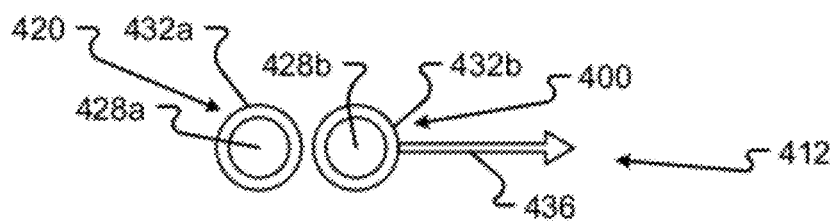


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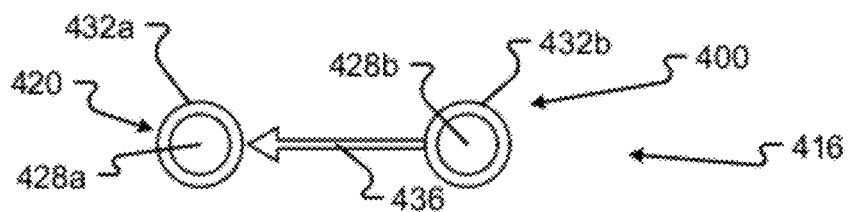


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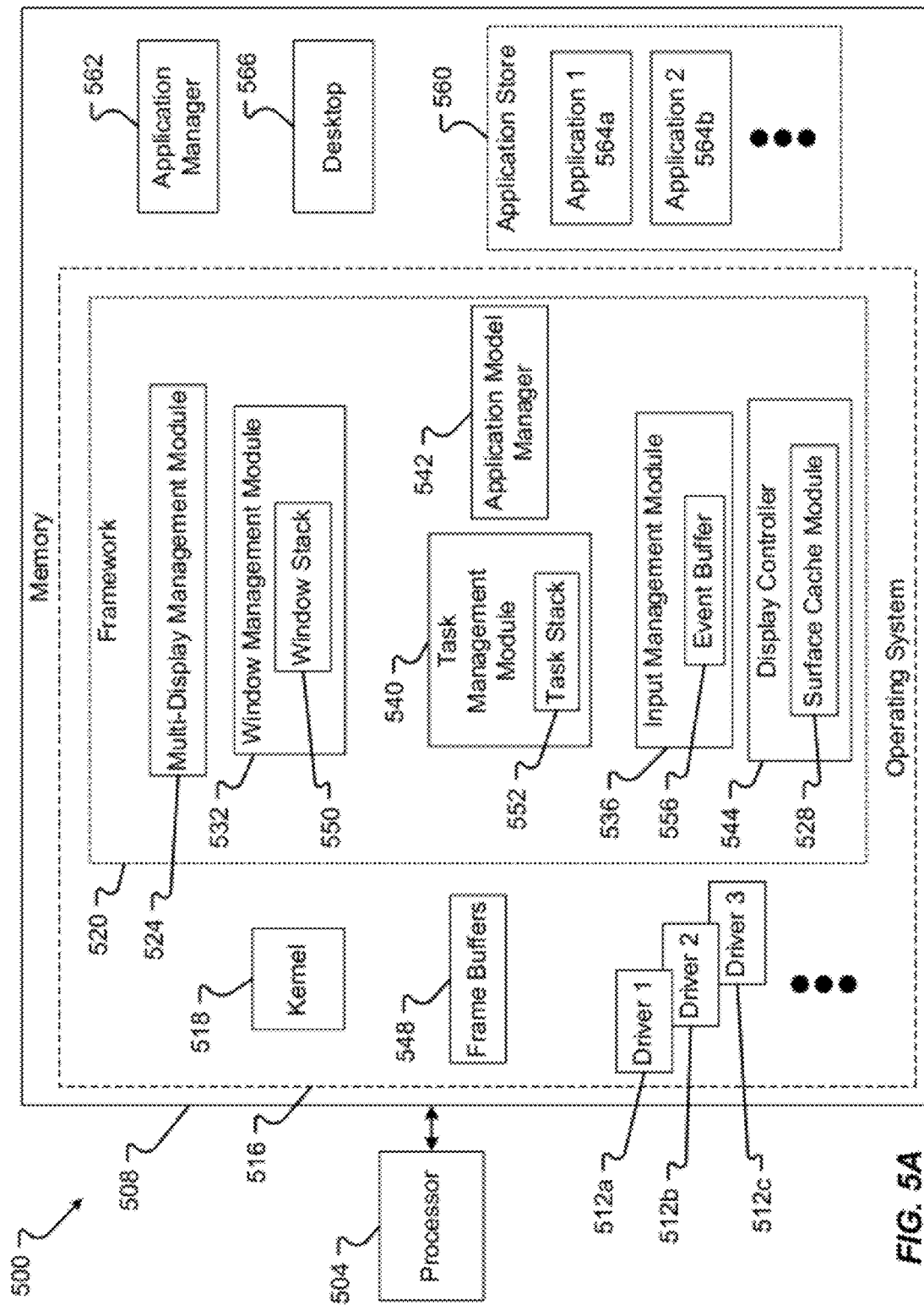
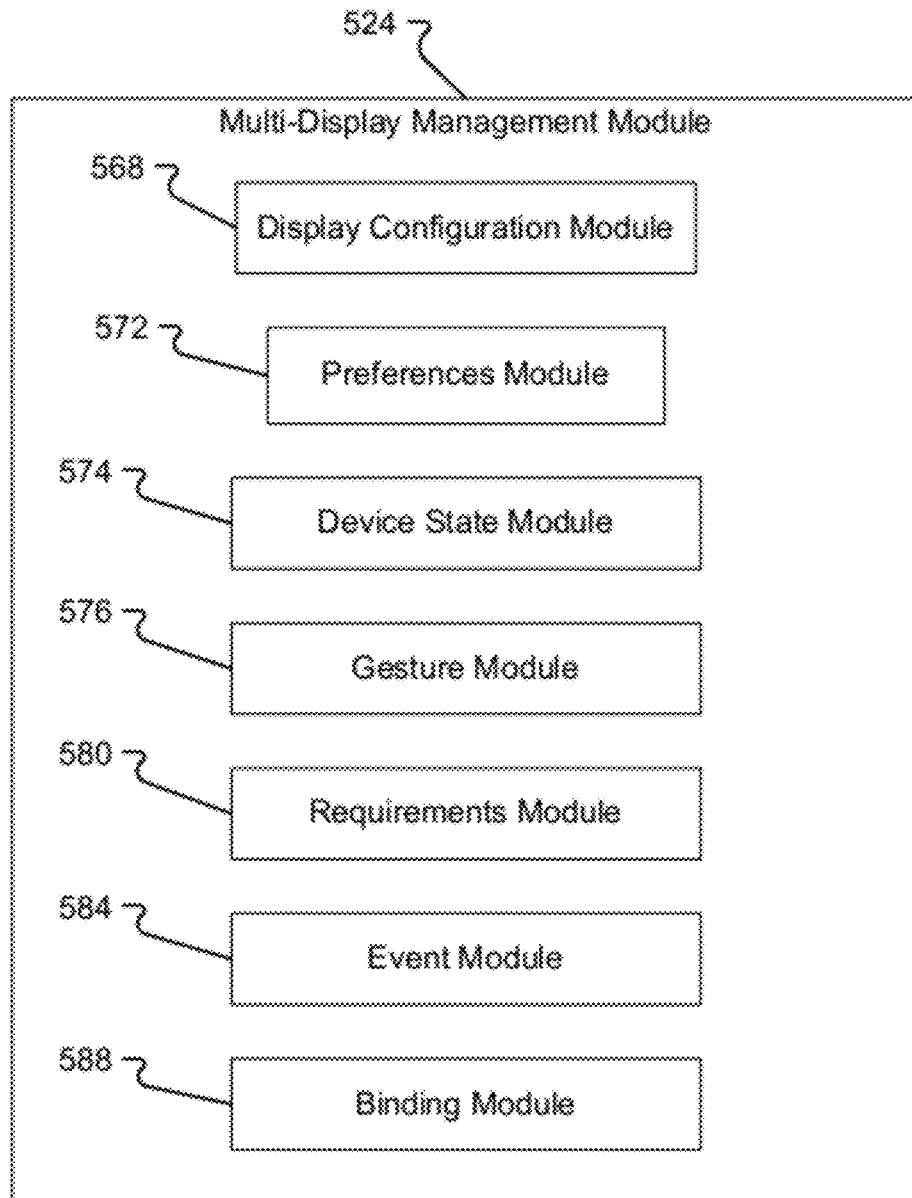


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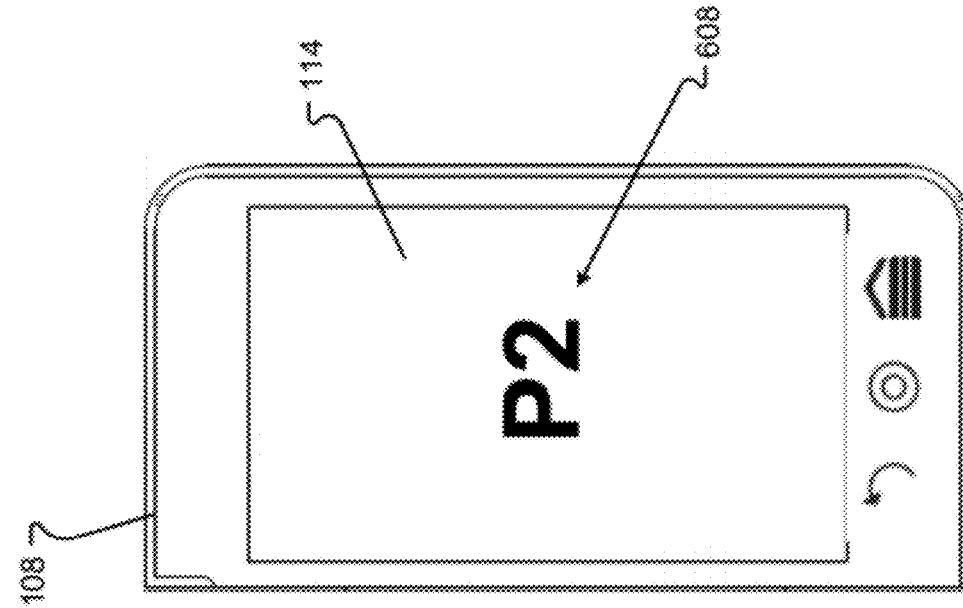


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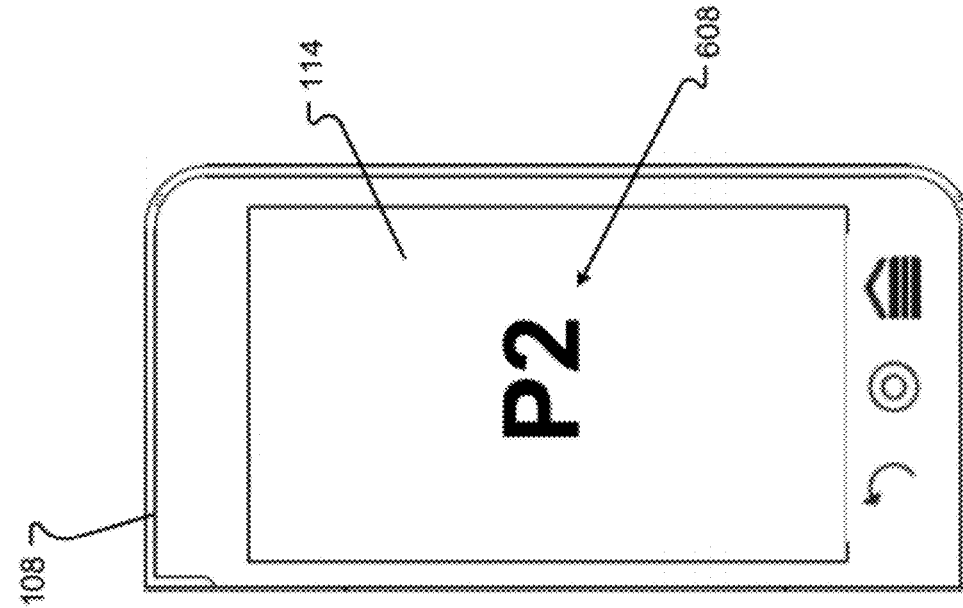


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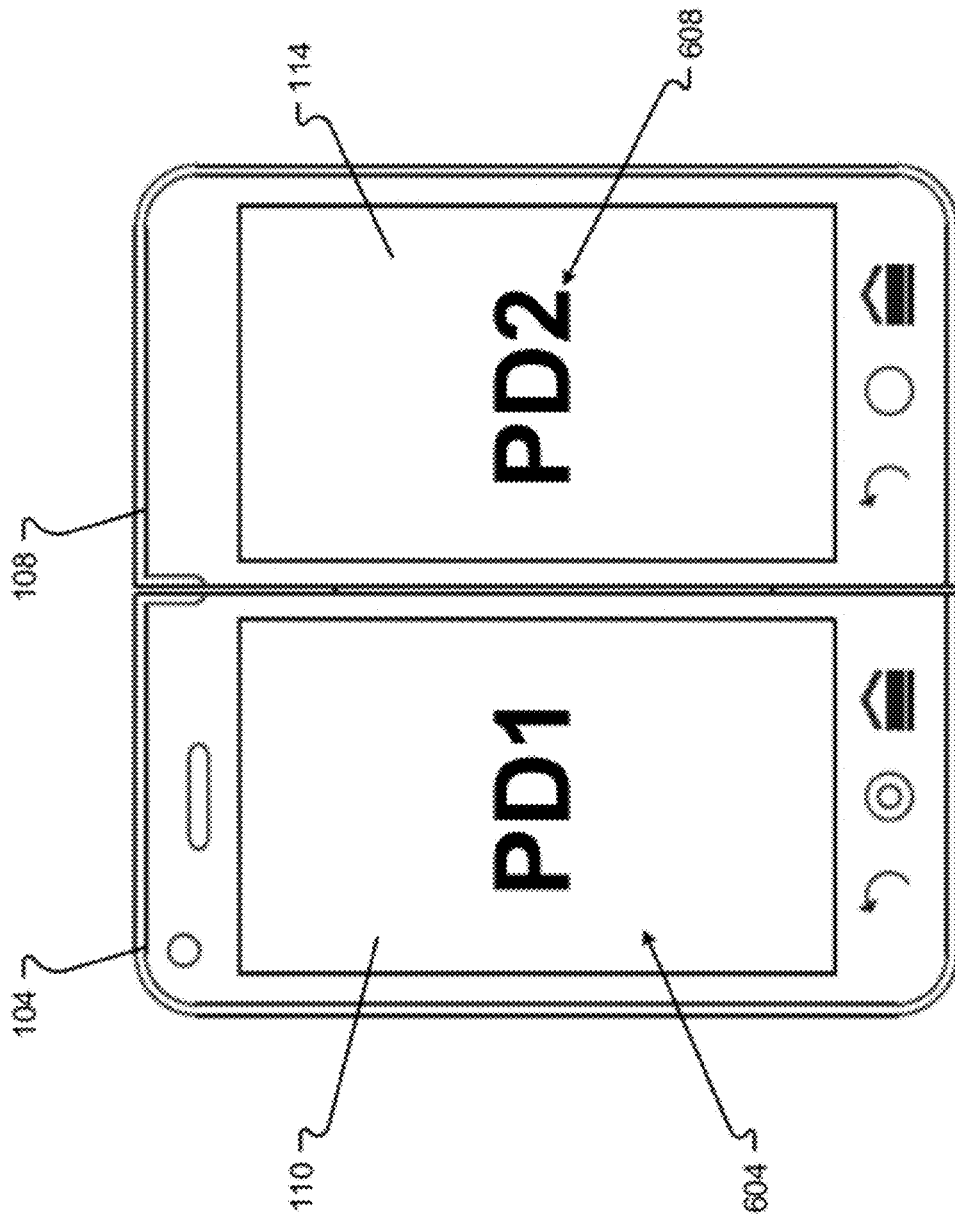


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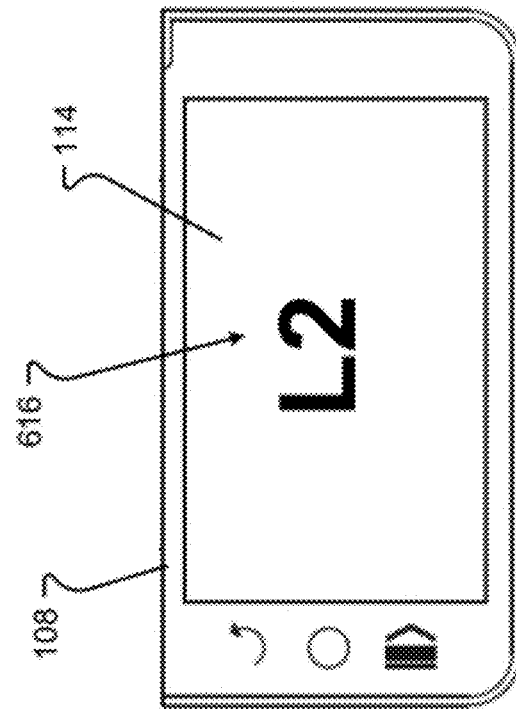


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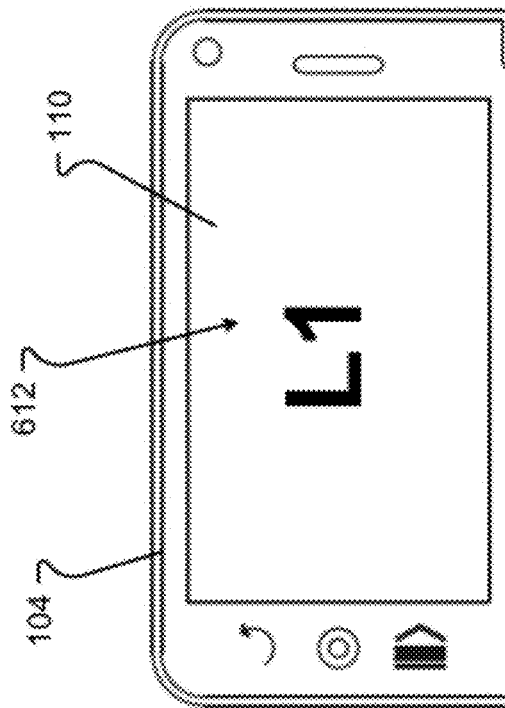


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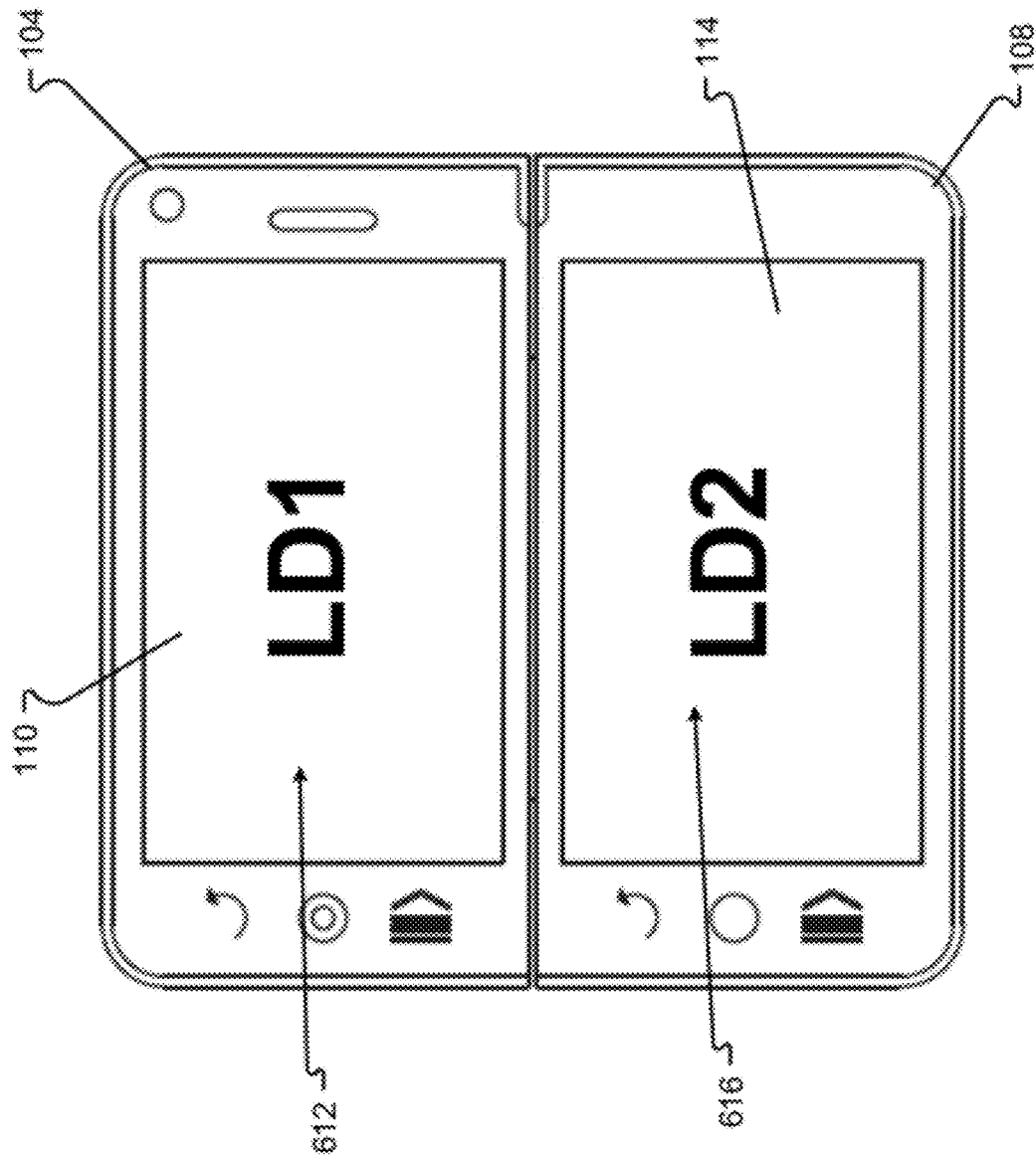


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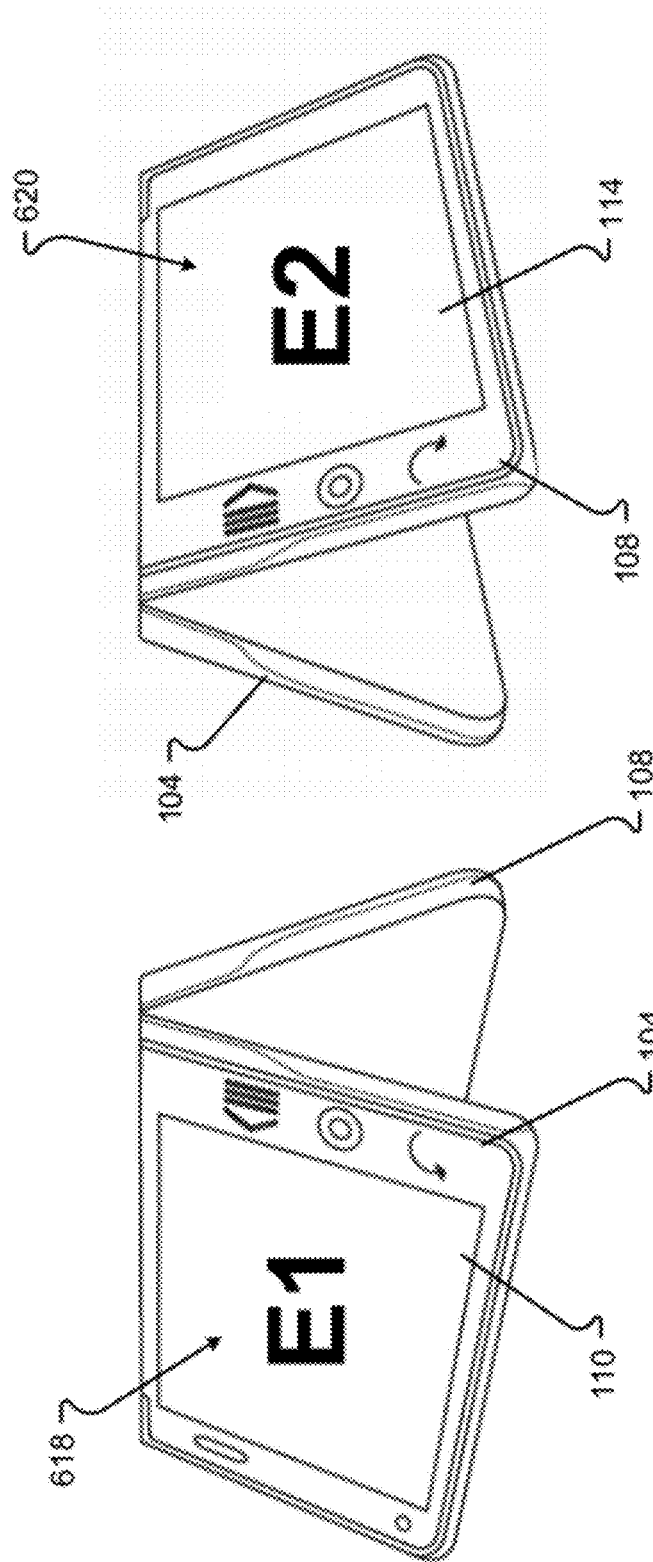


FIG. 6H

FIG. 6G

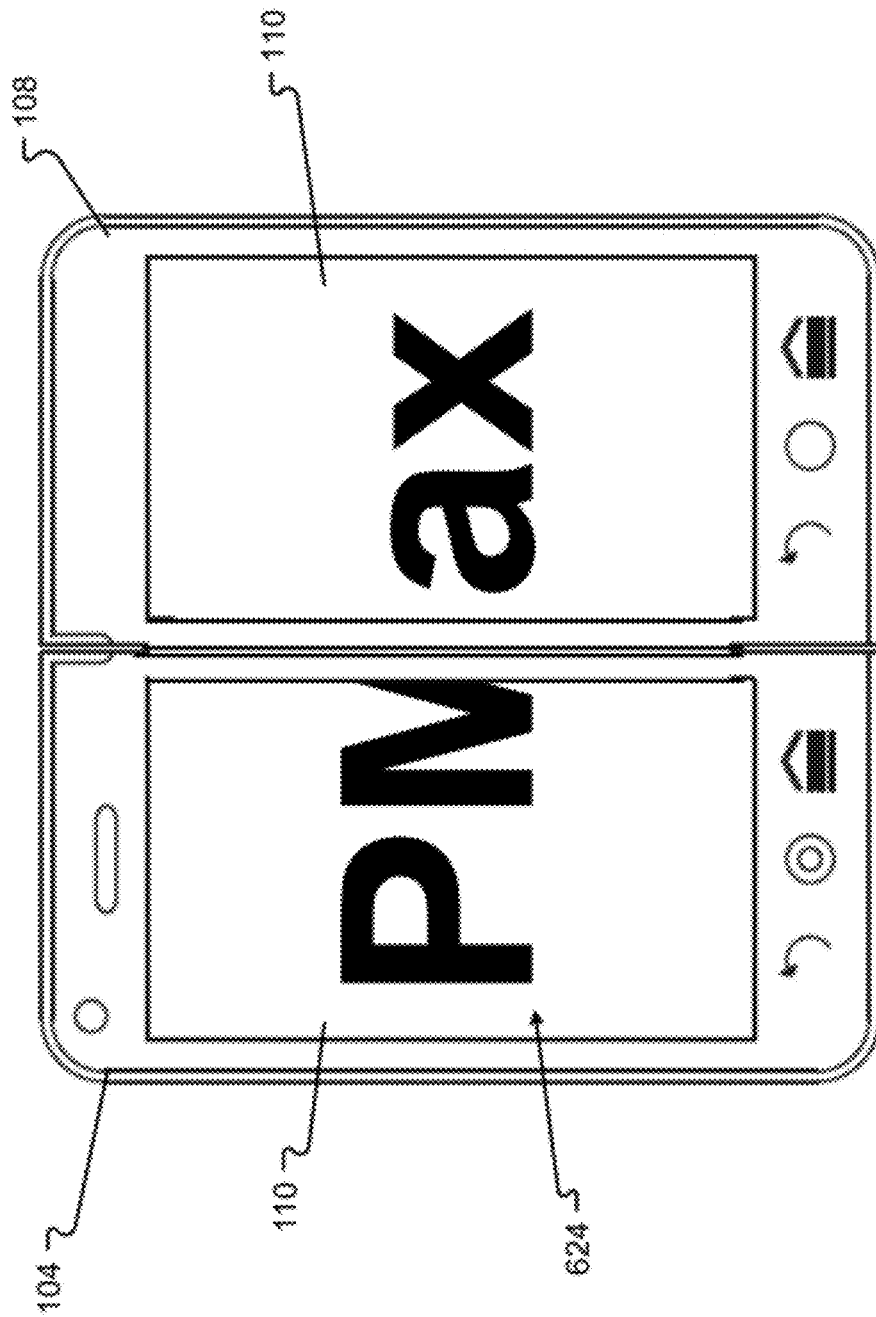
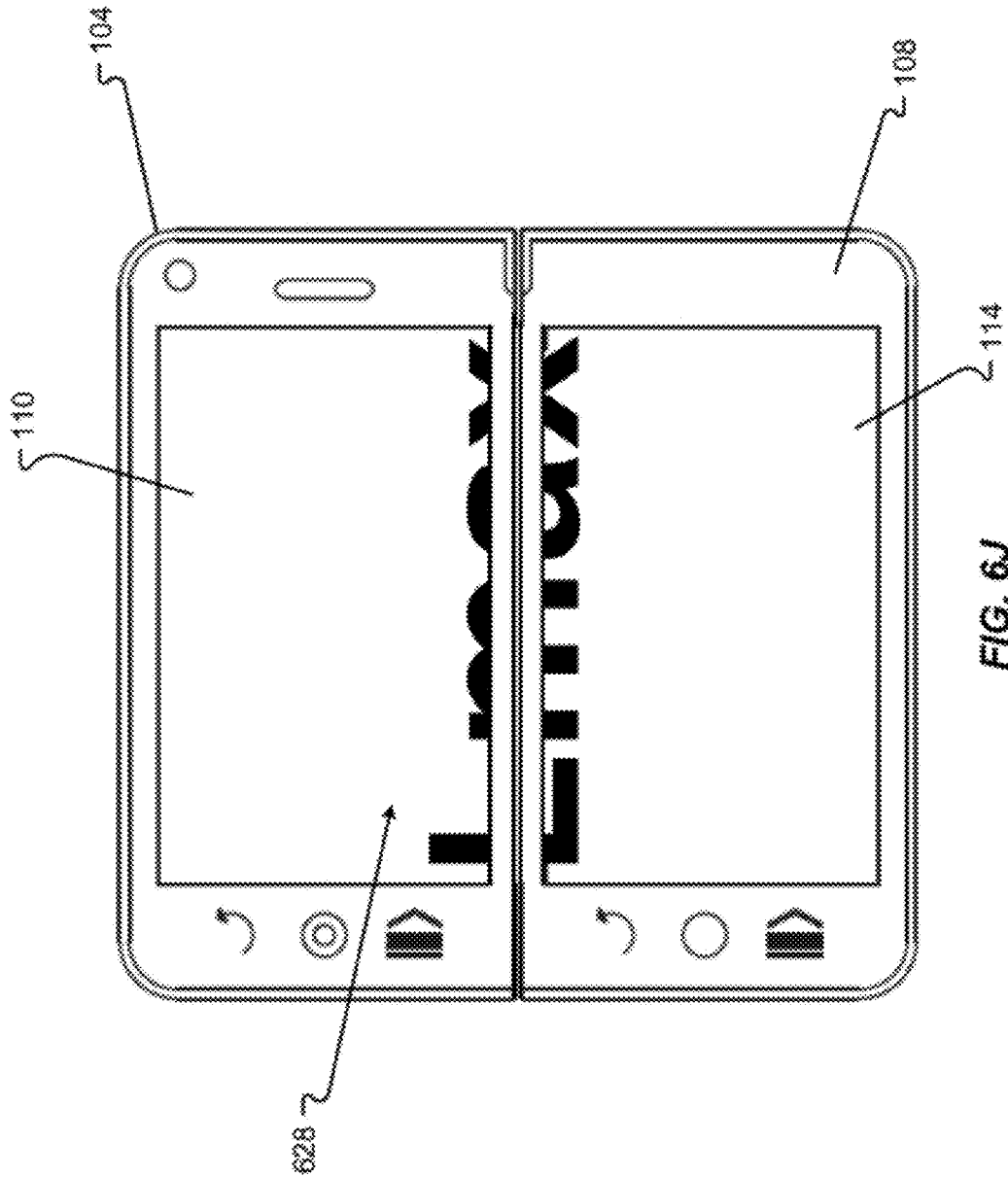
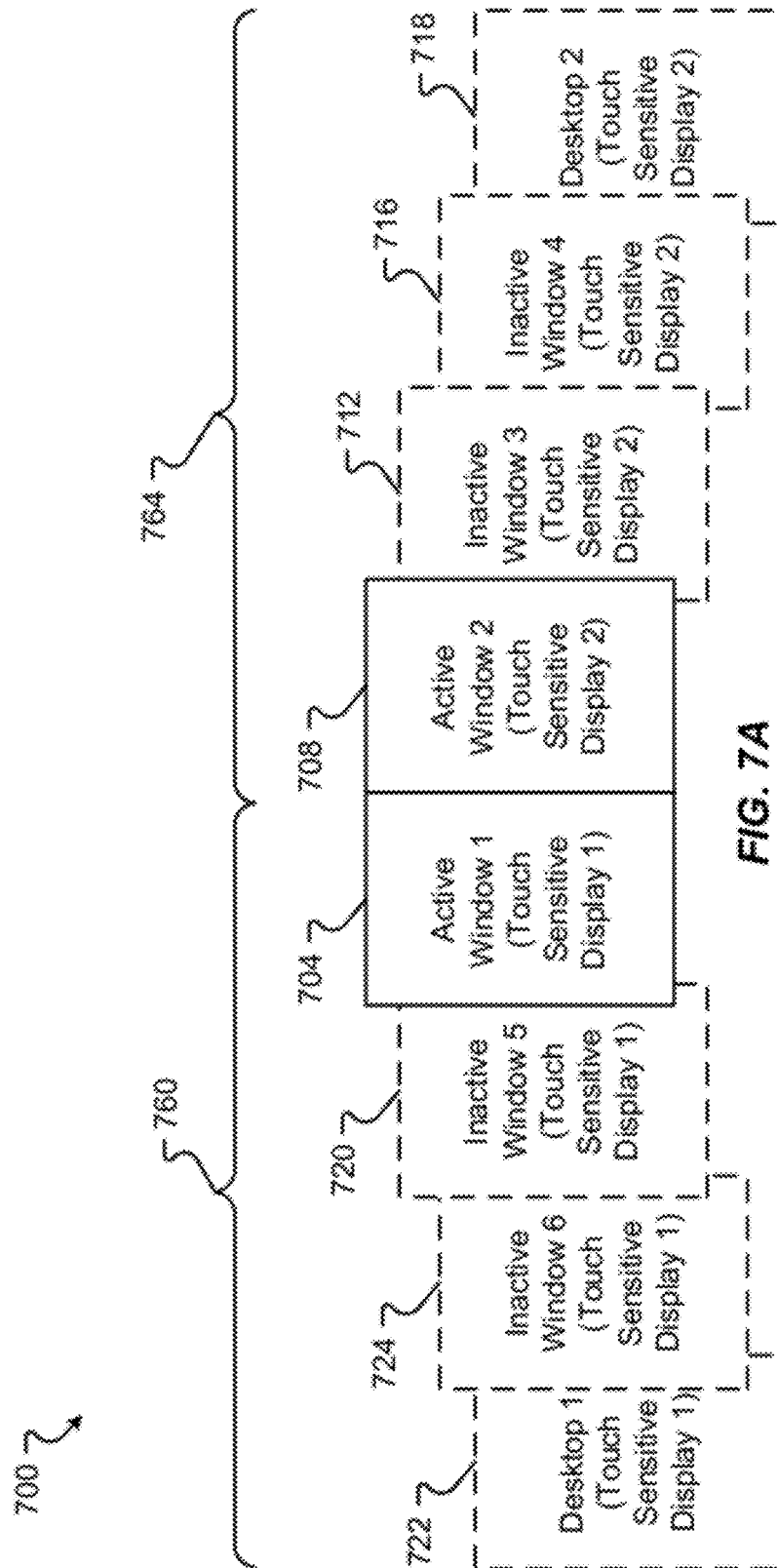


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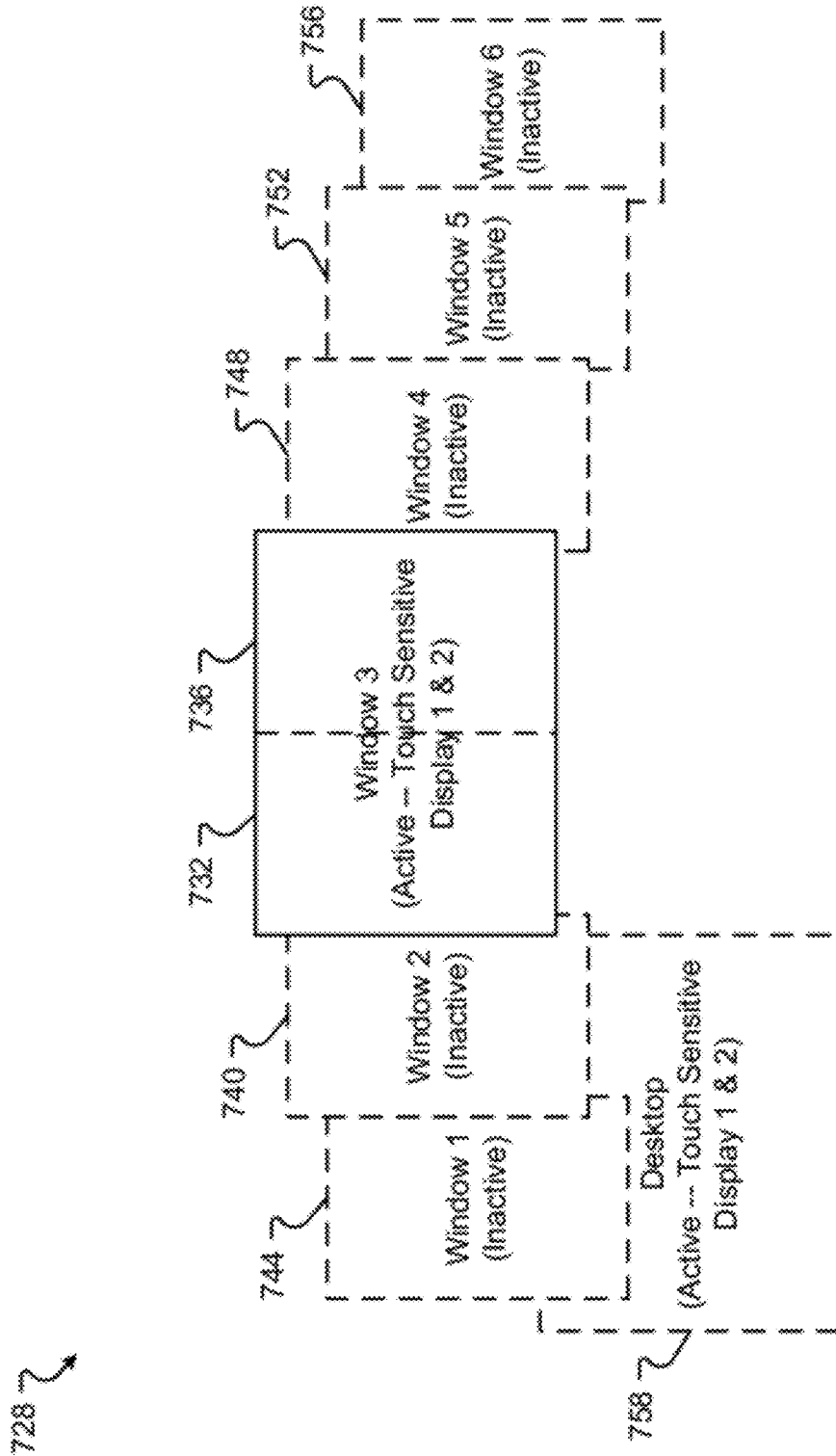


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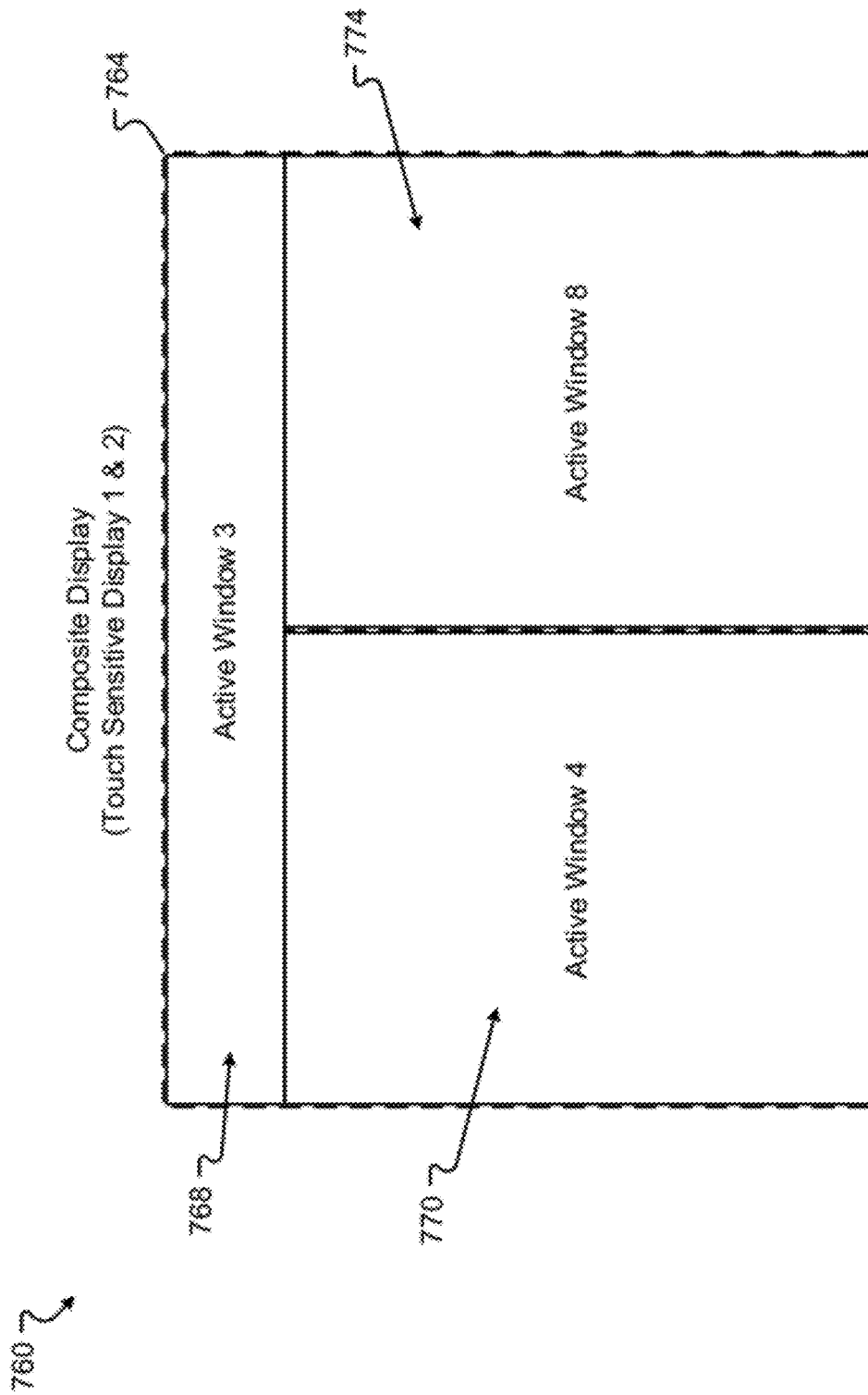


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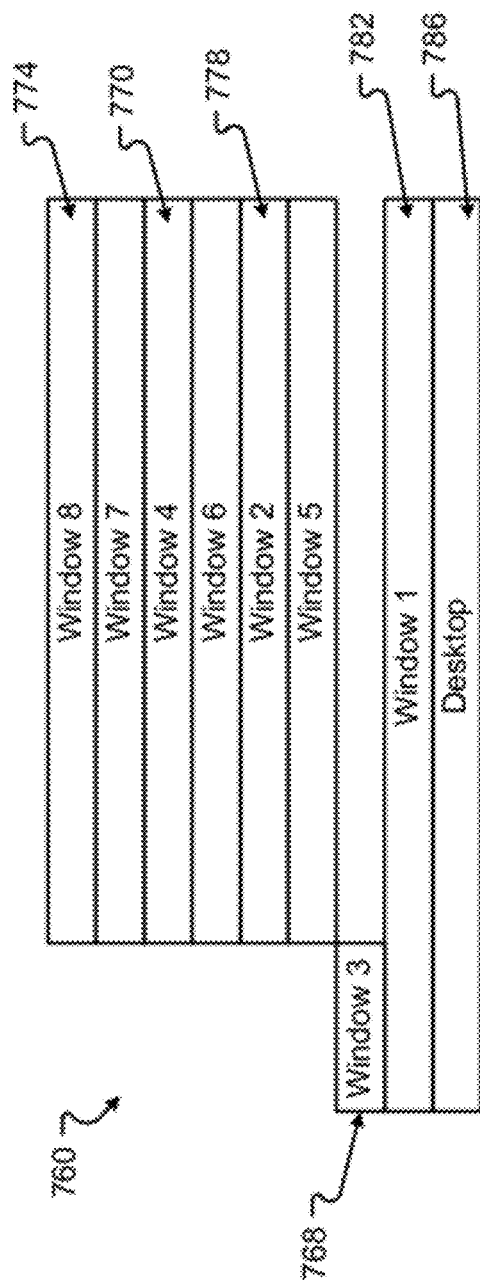


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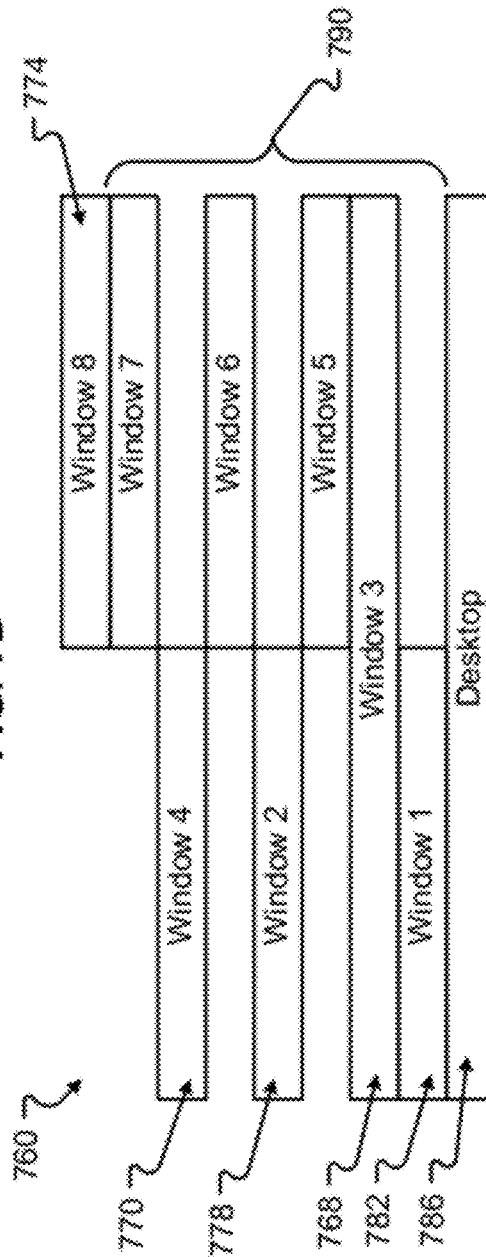


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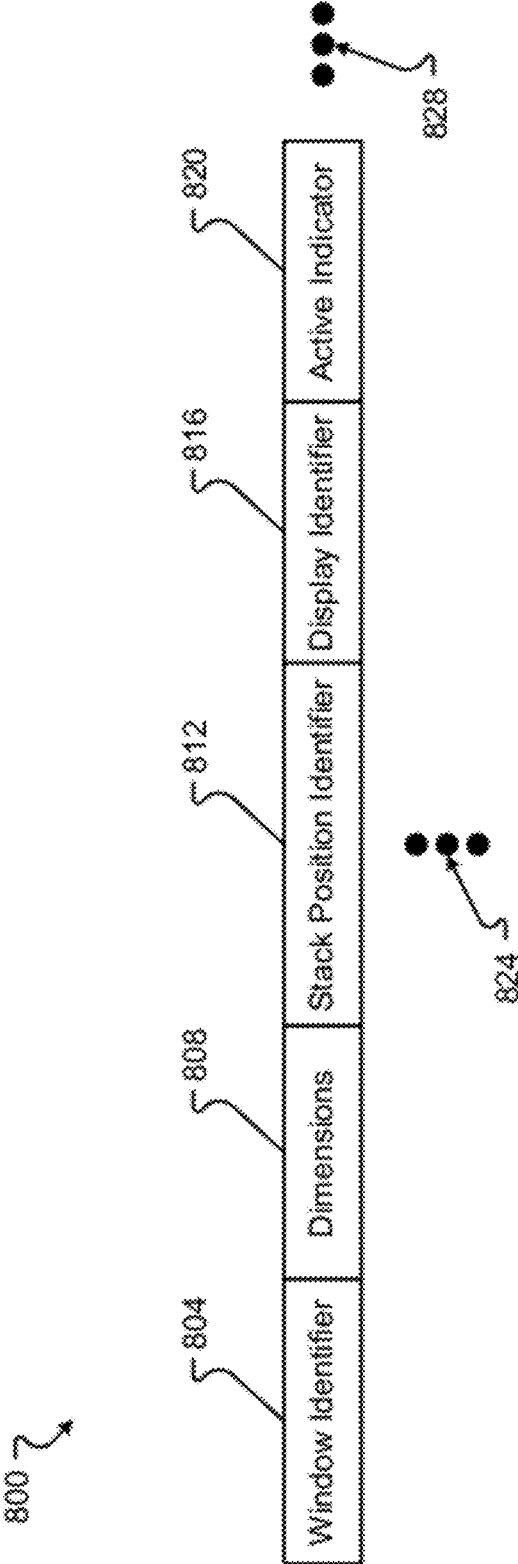
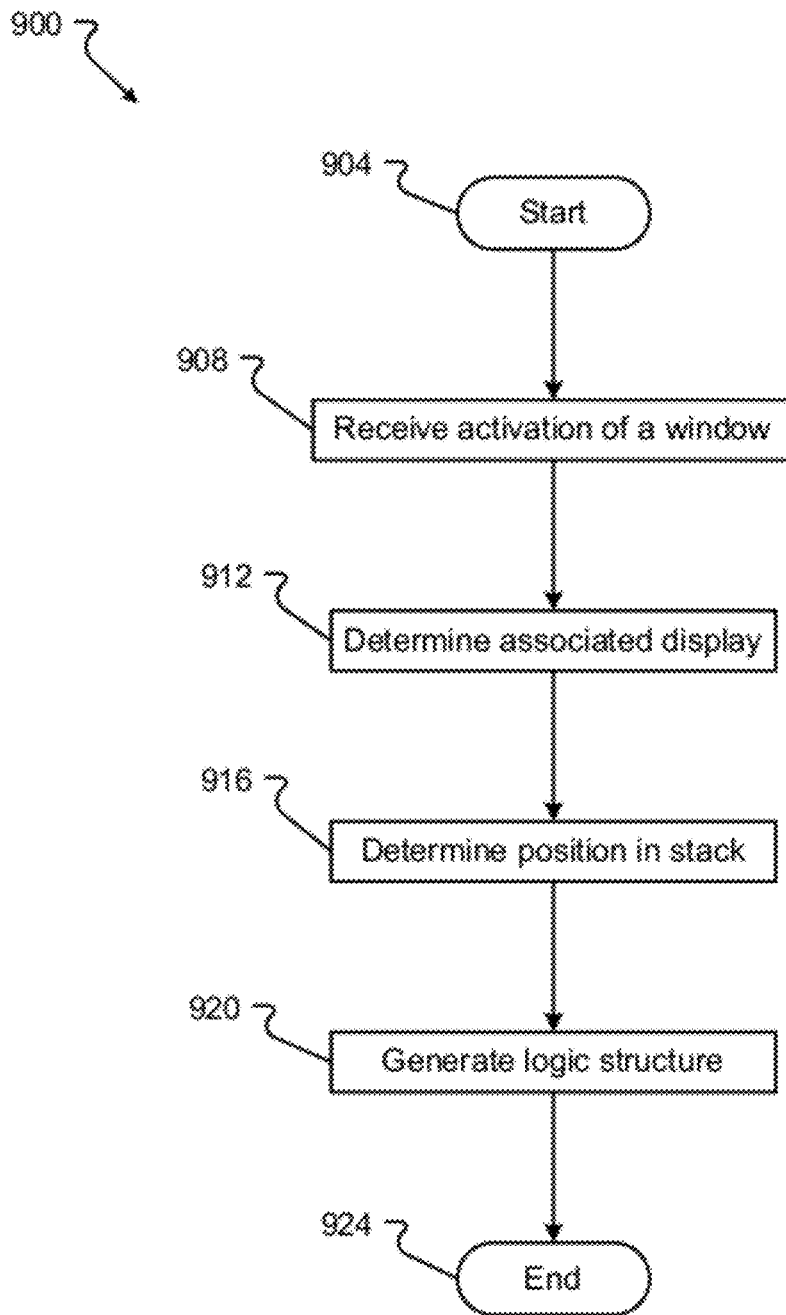


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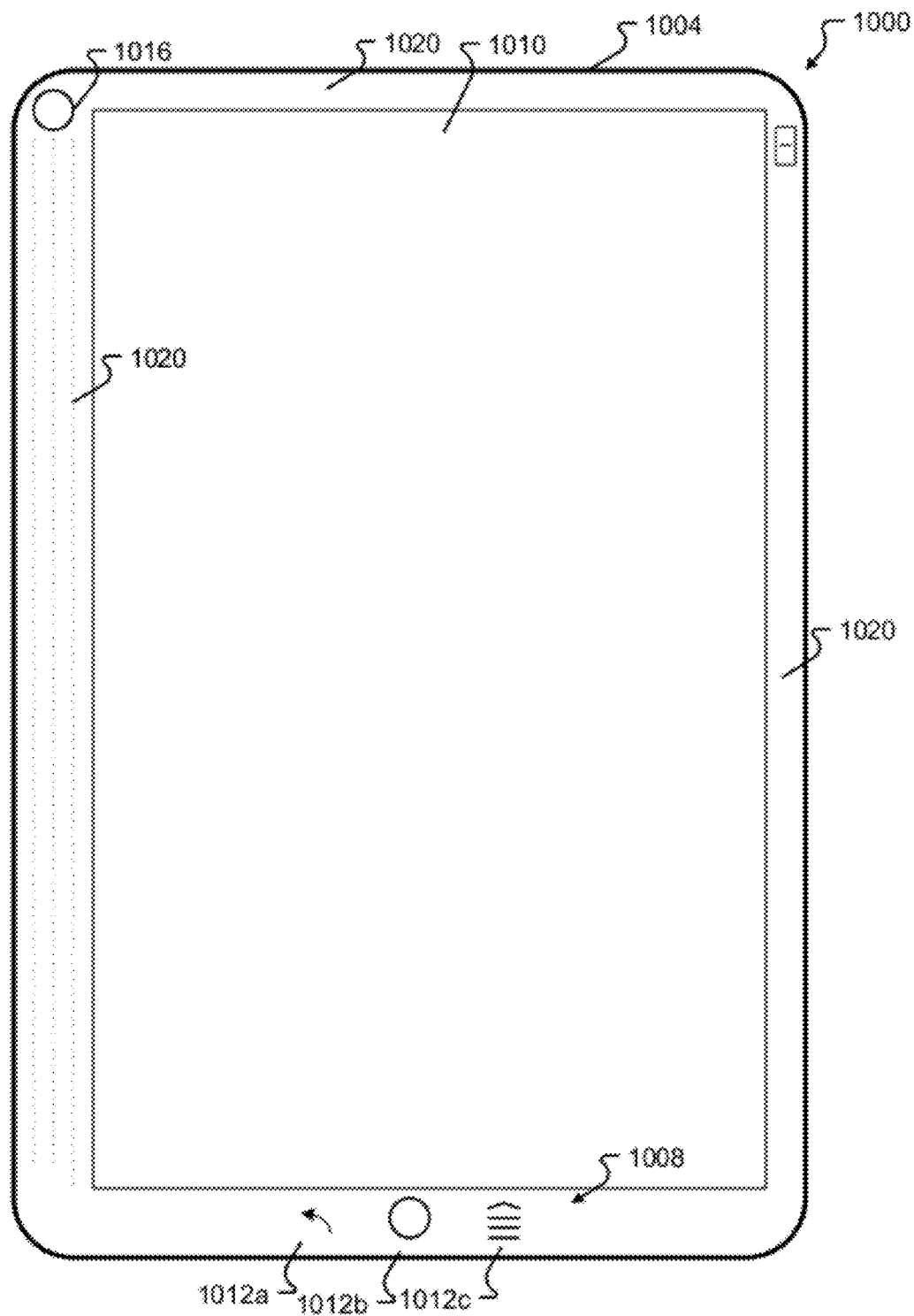


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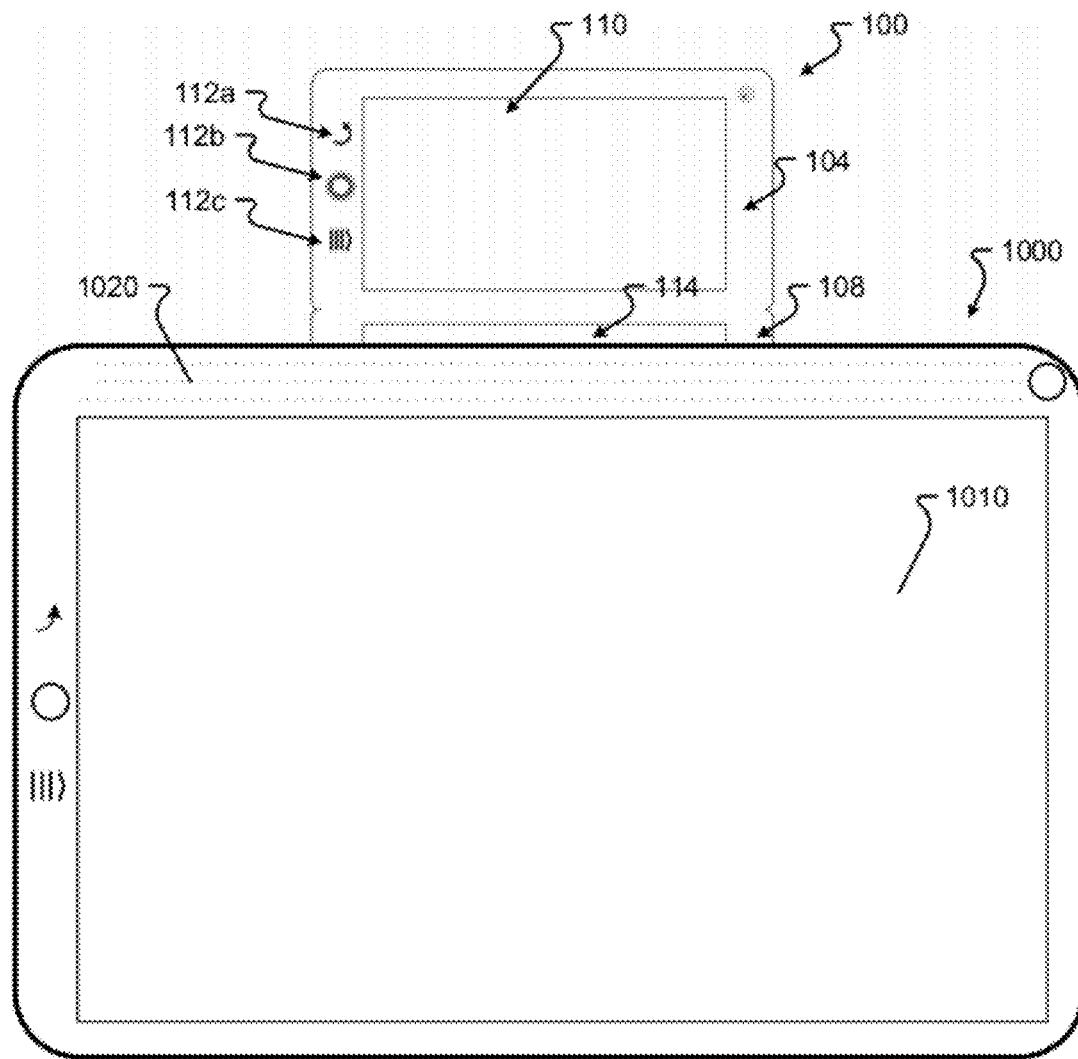


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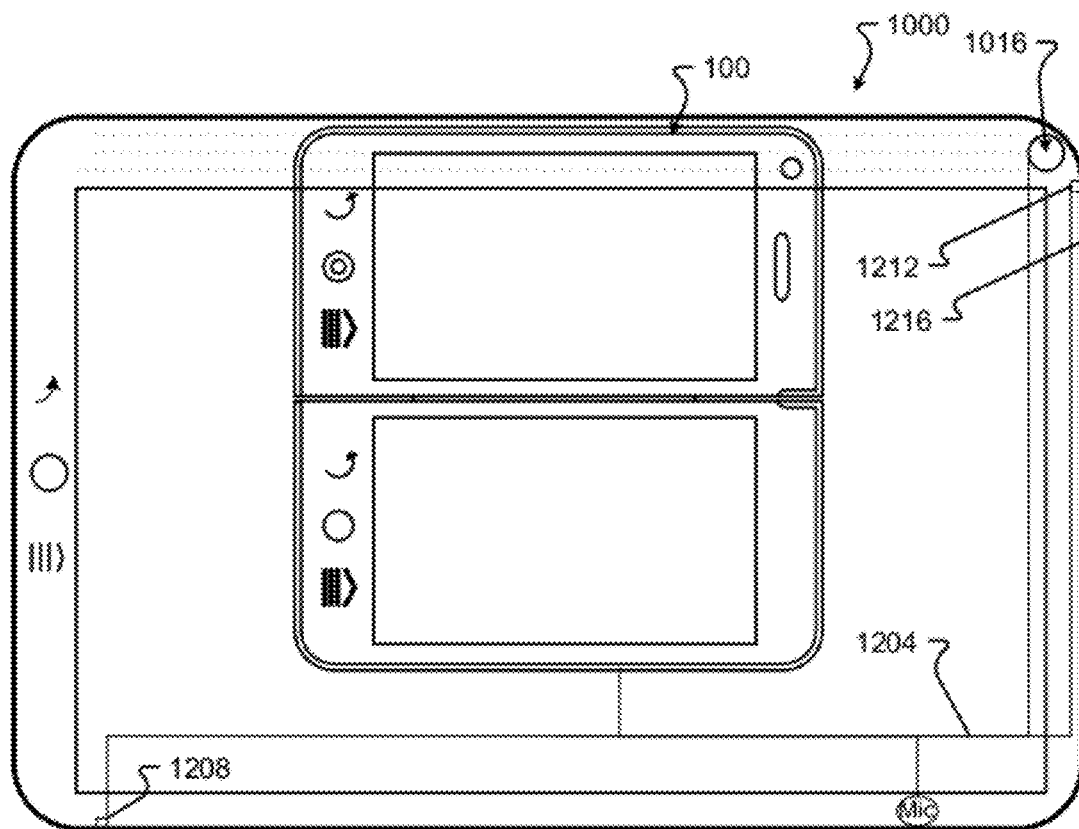
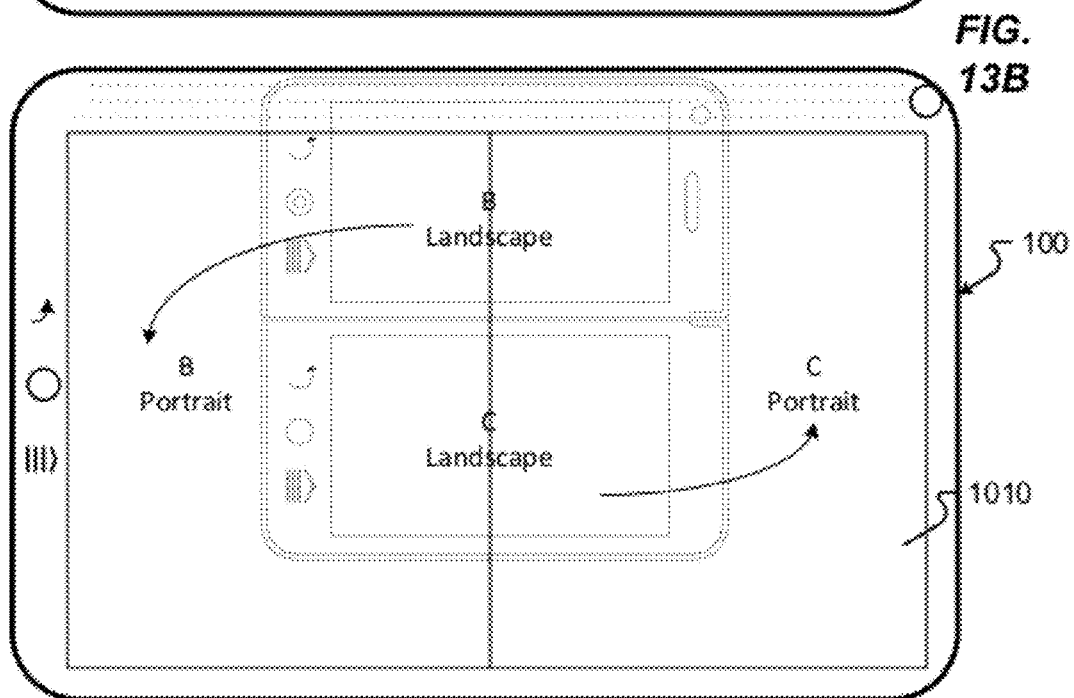
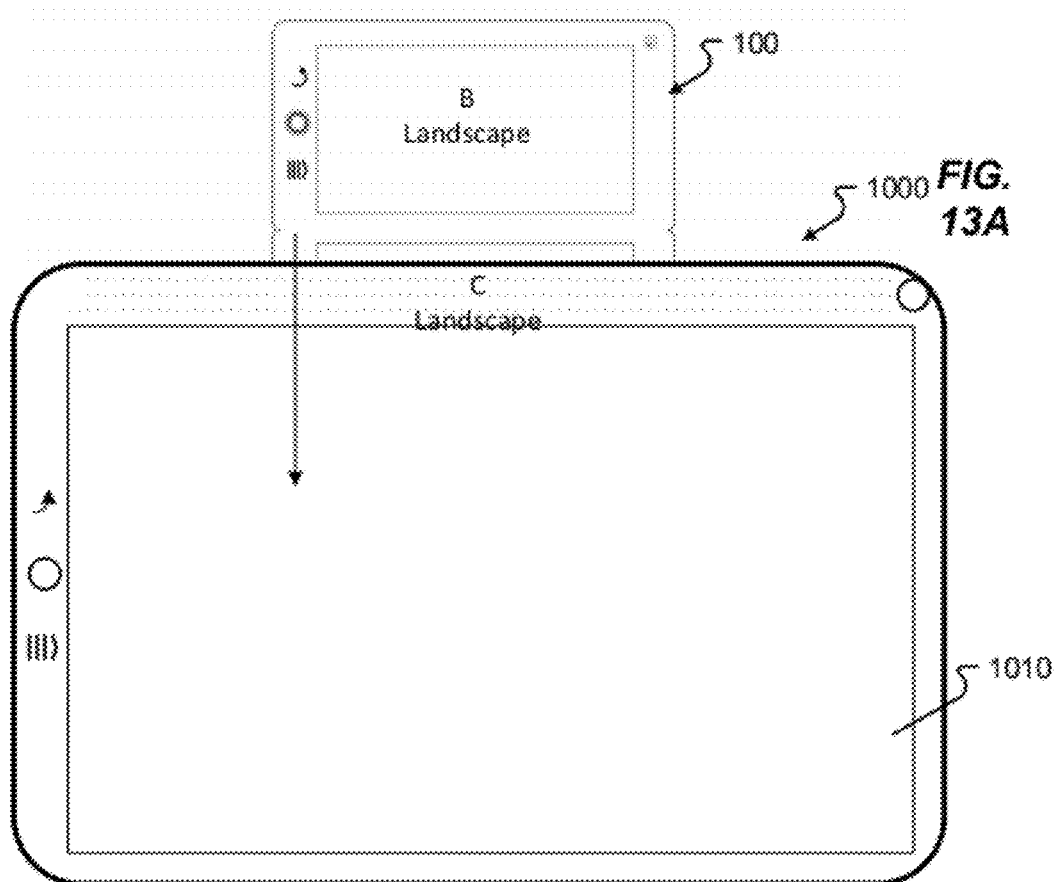


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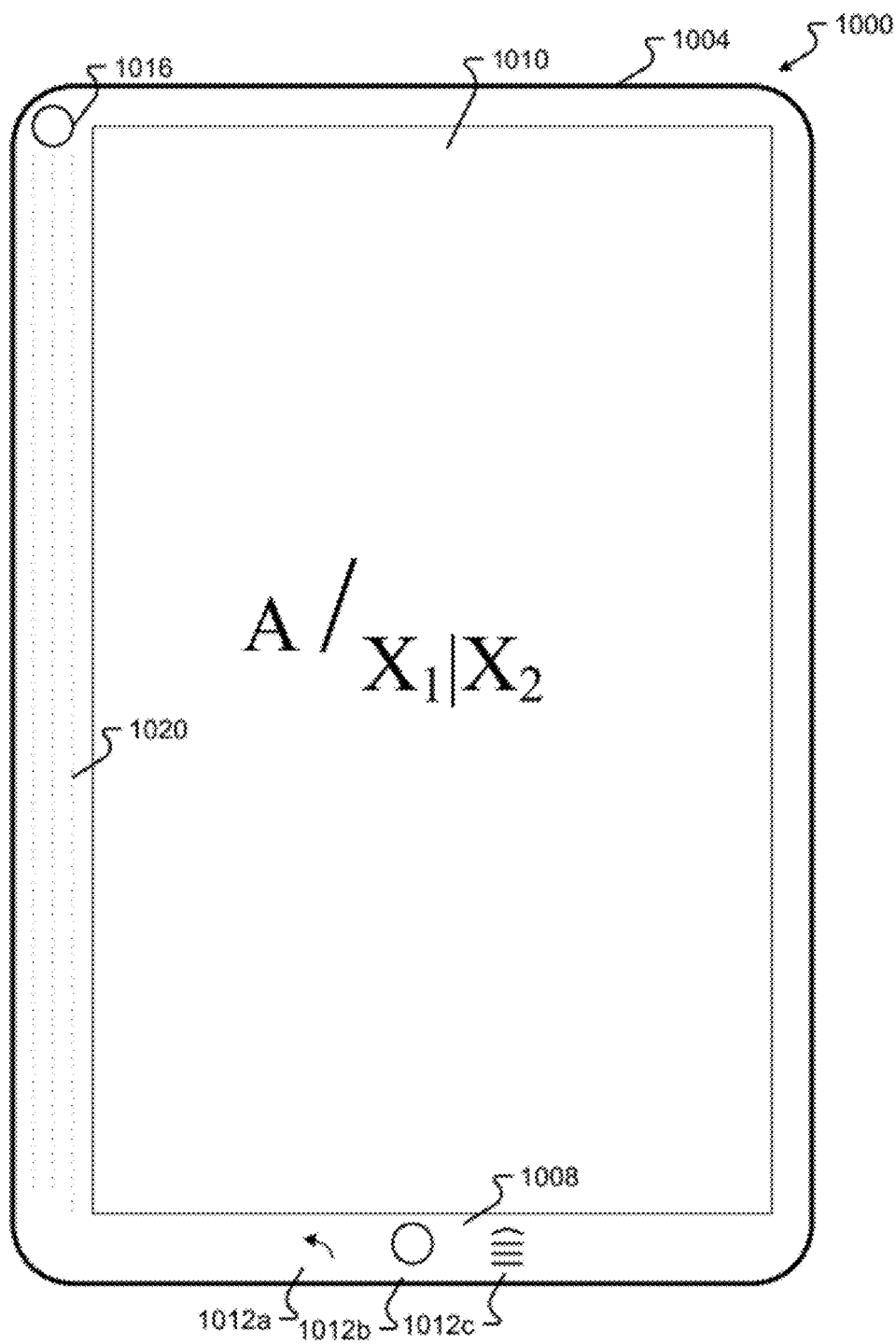


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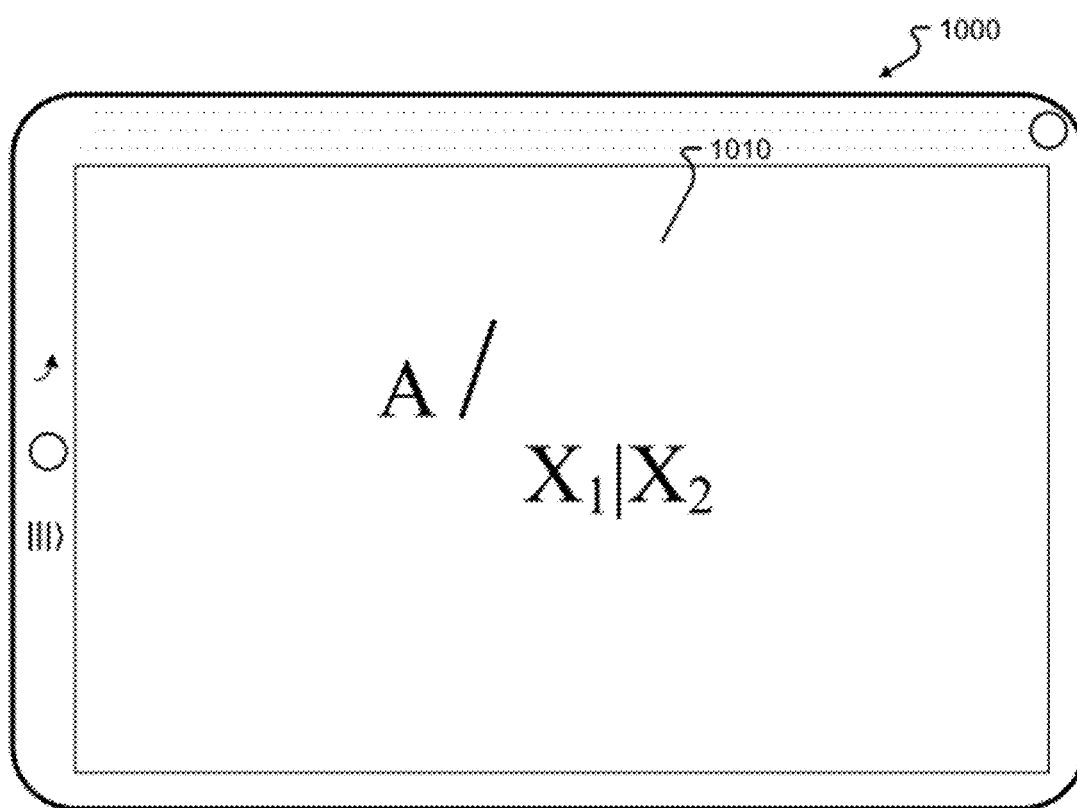
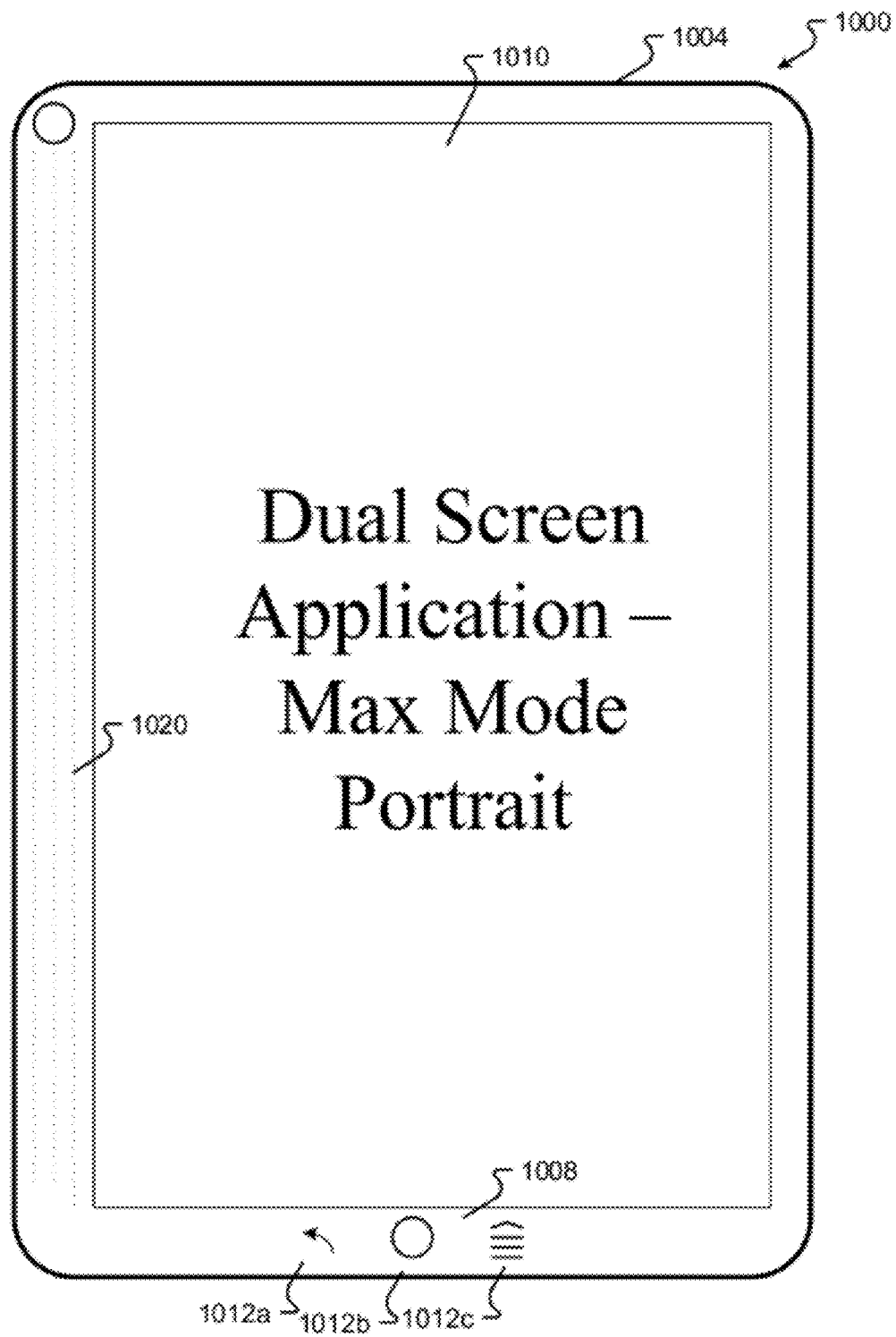
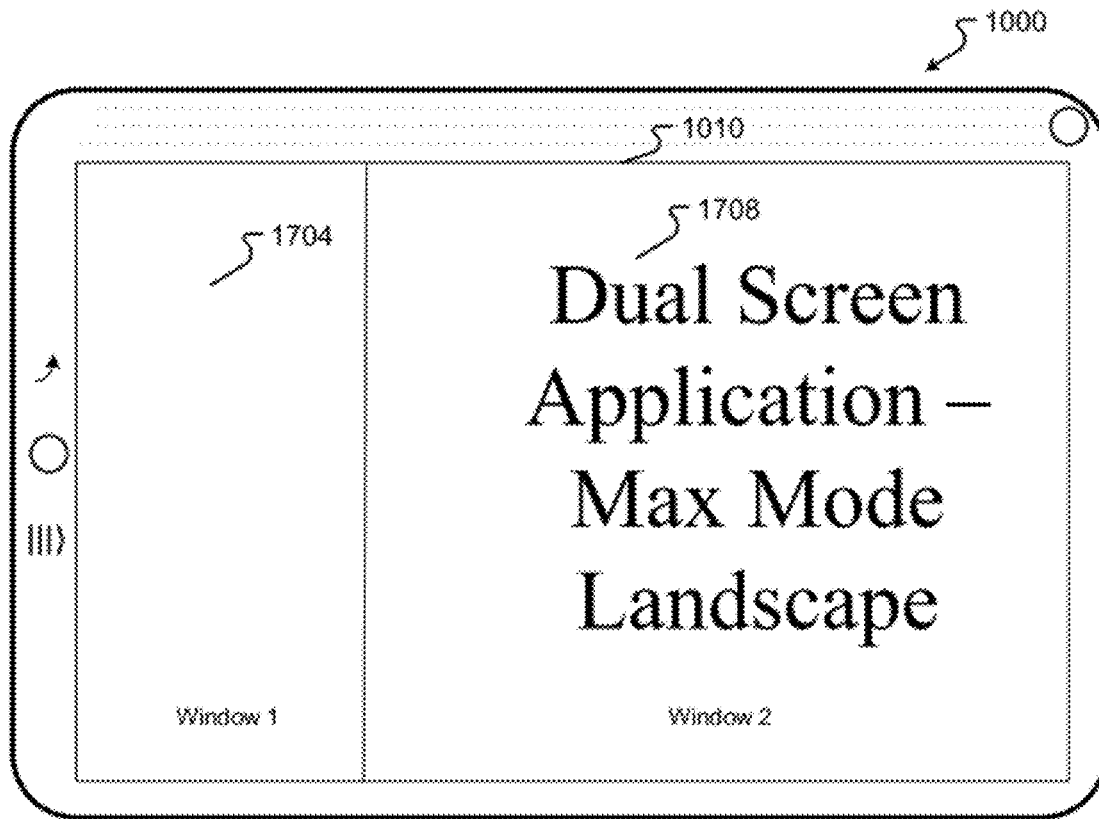


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**FIG. 17**

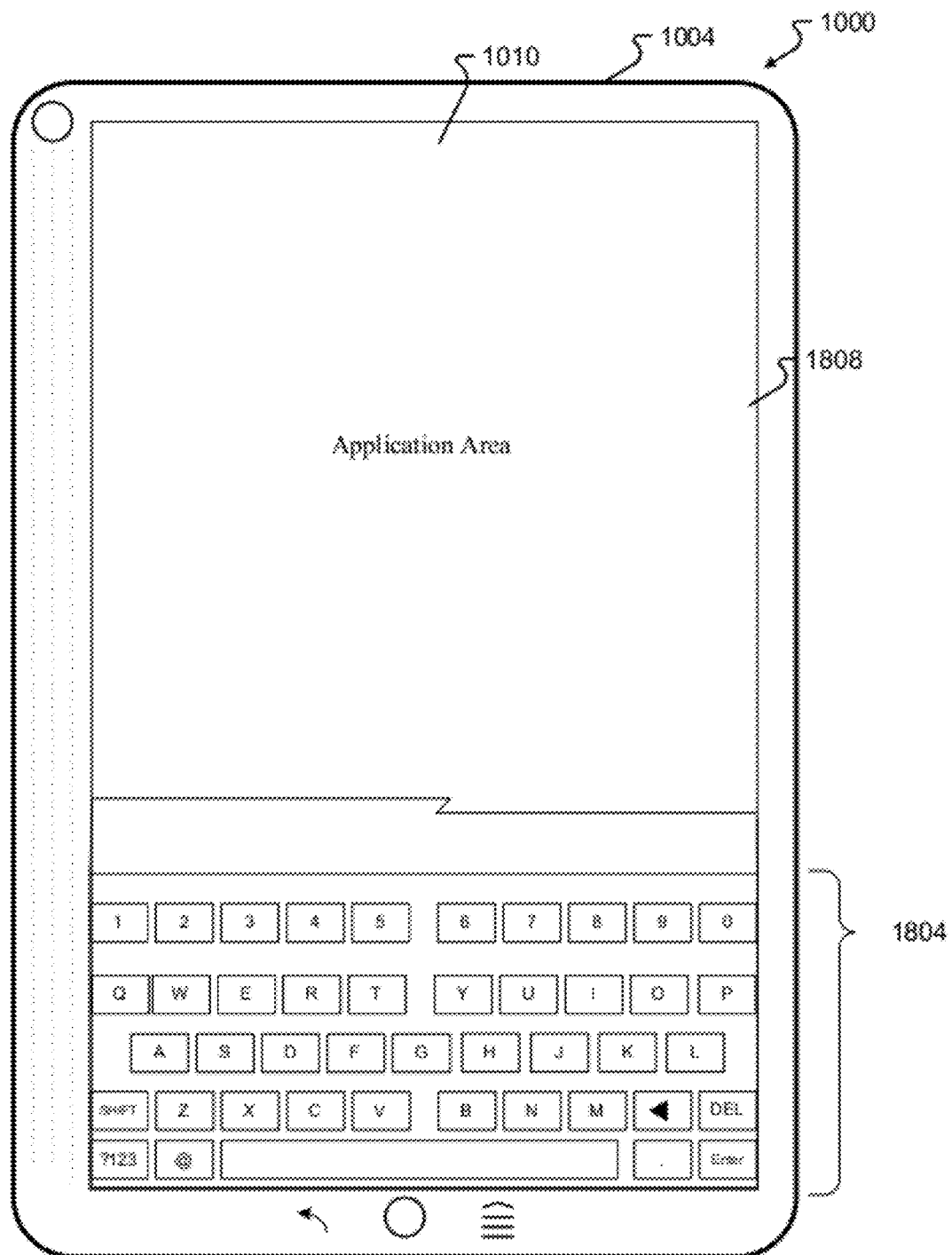


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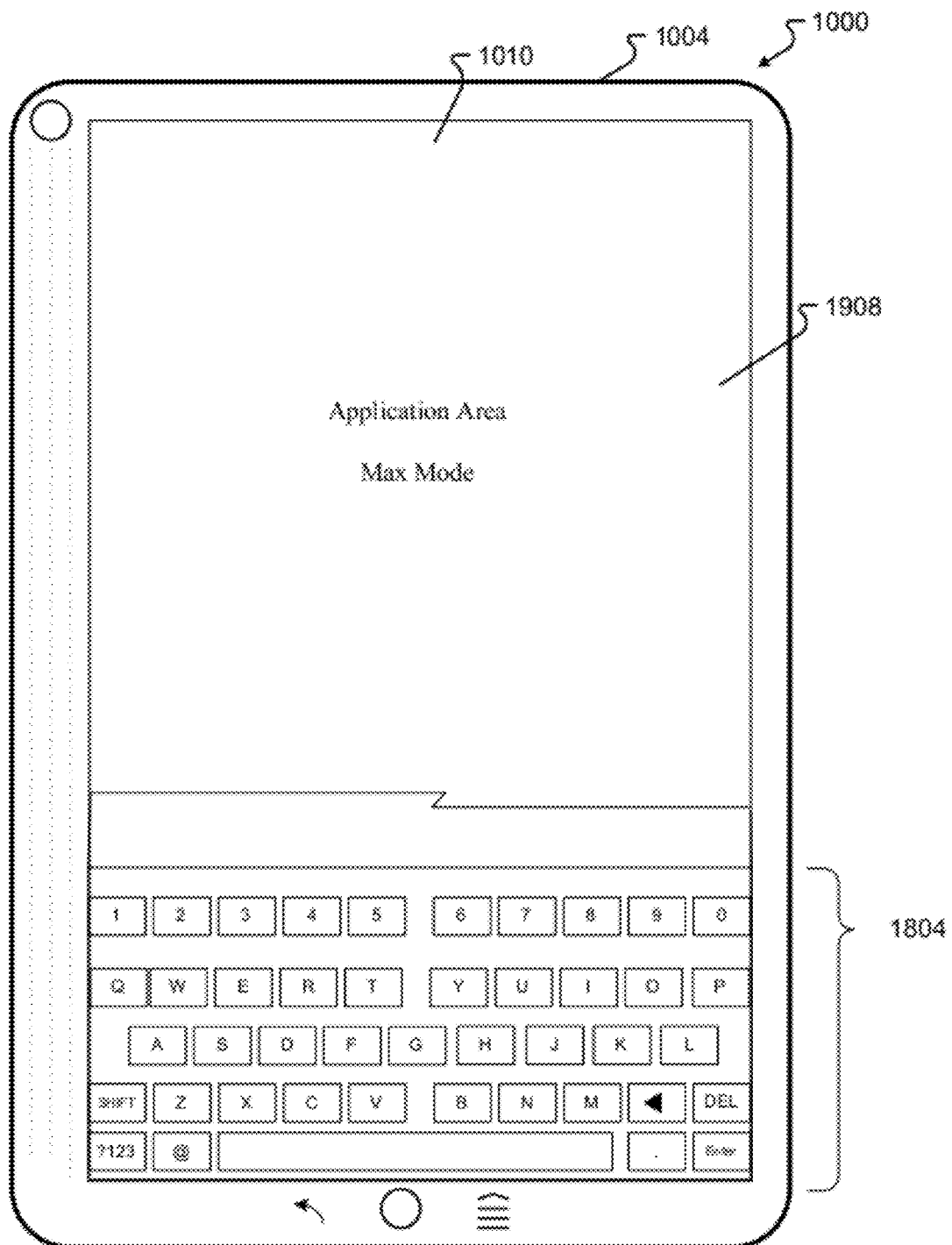


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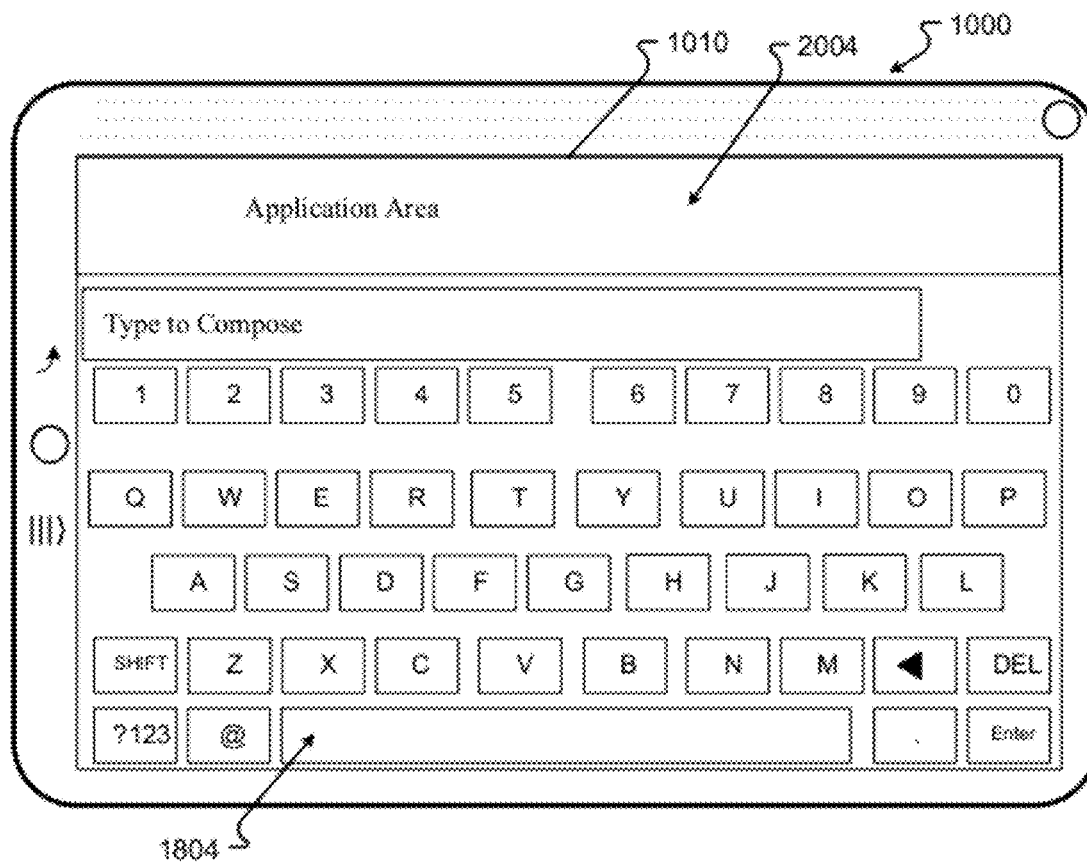


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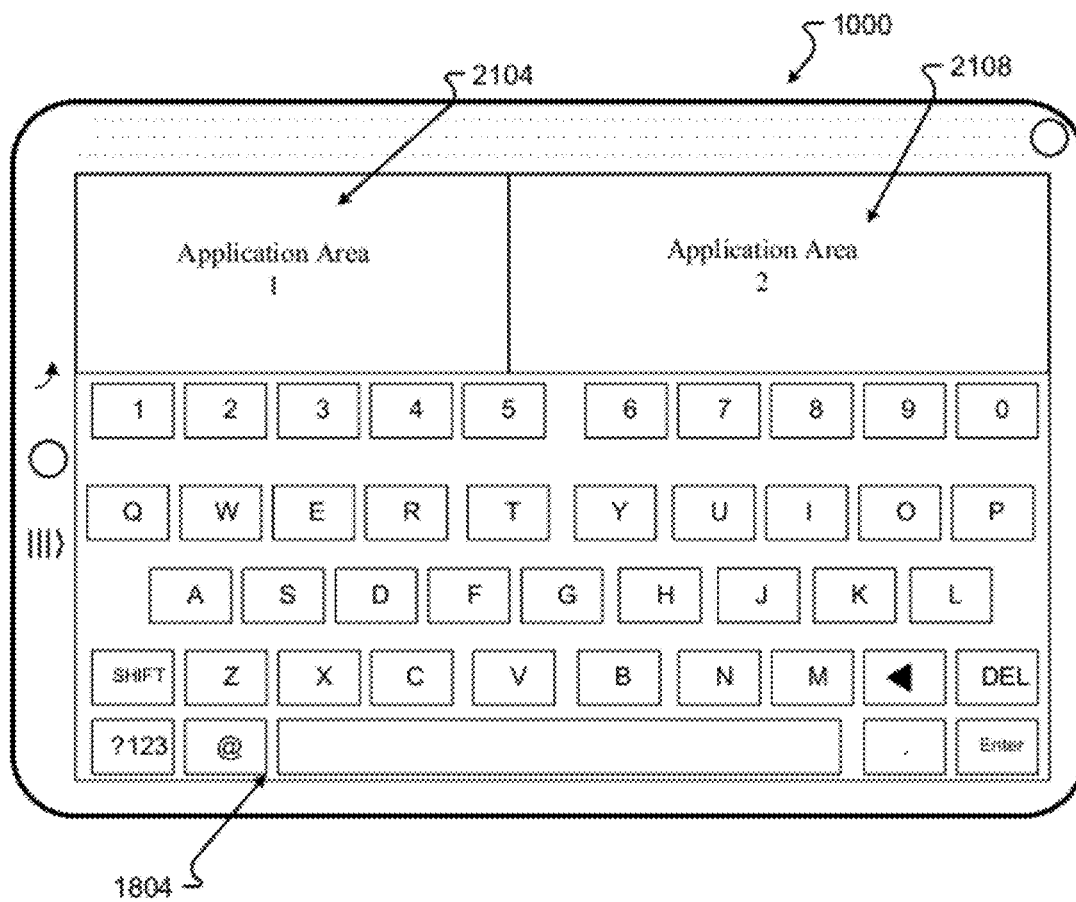


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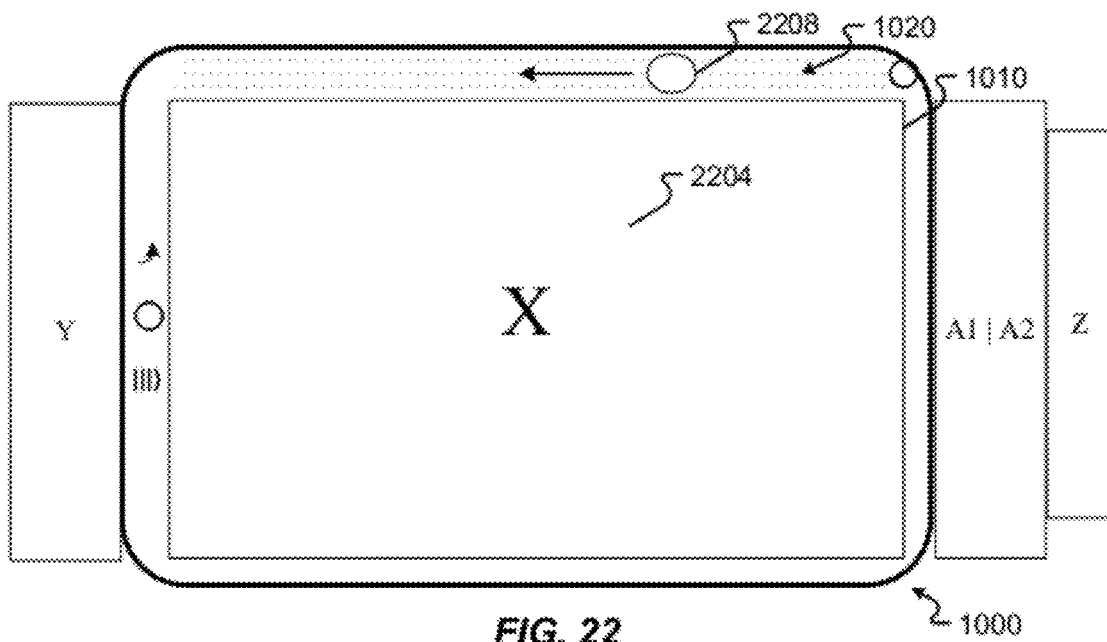


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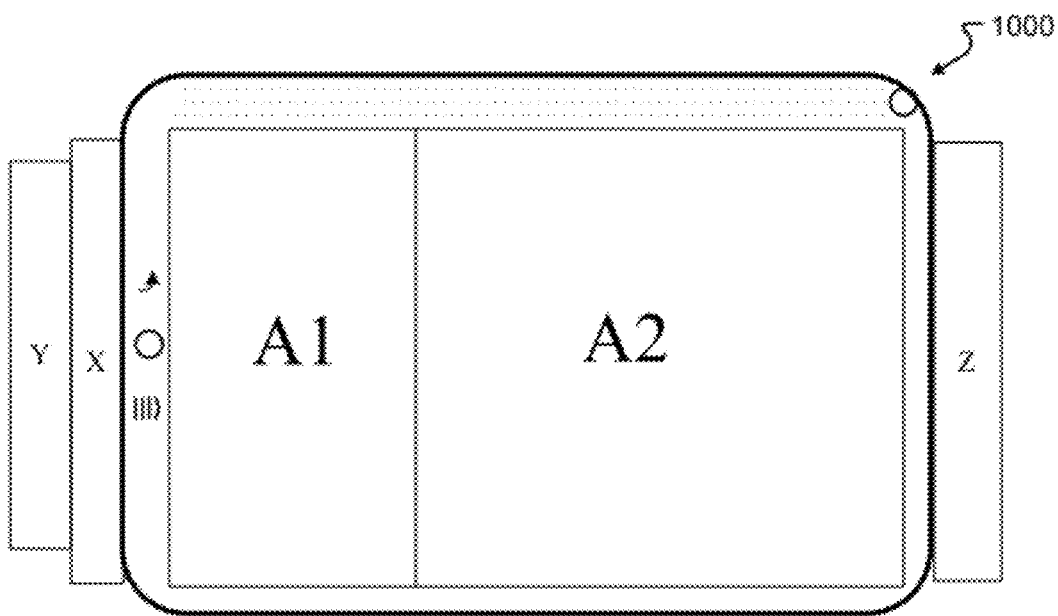


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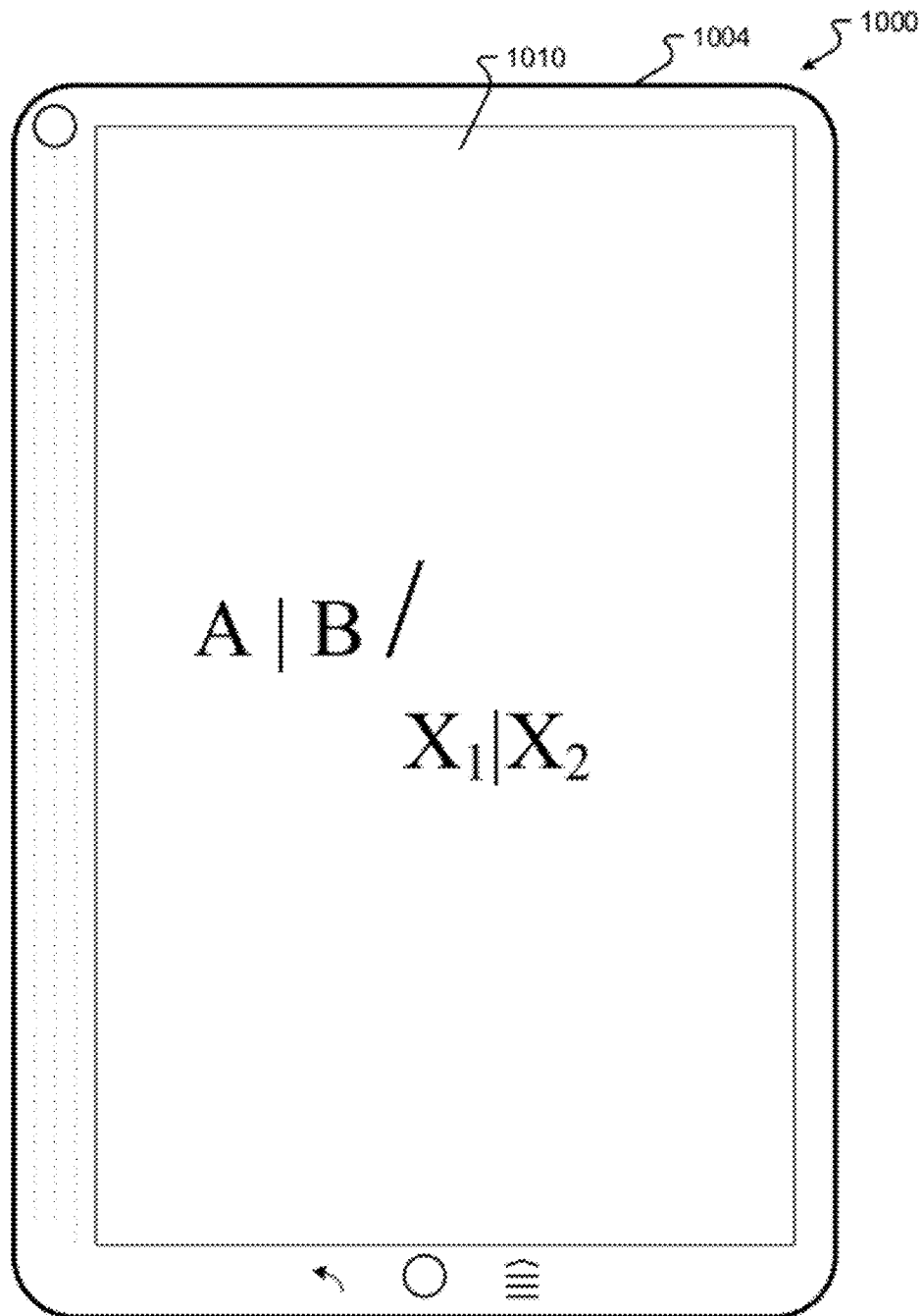


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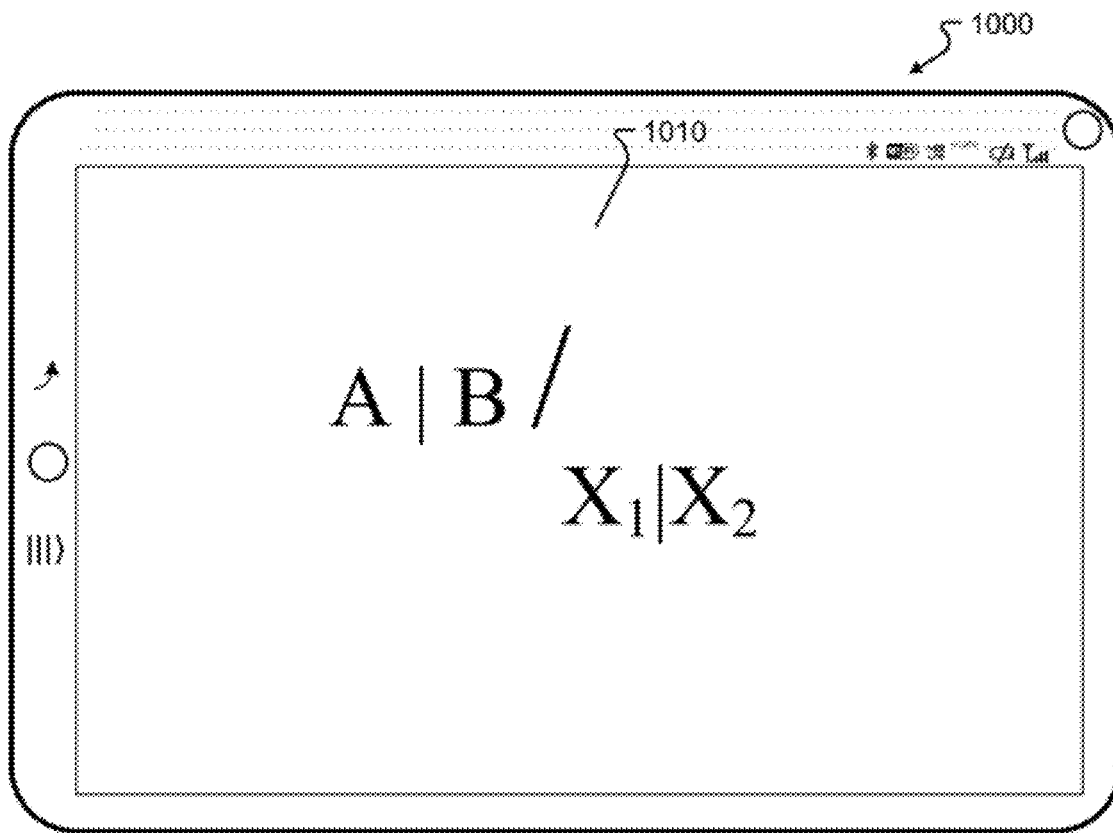


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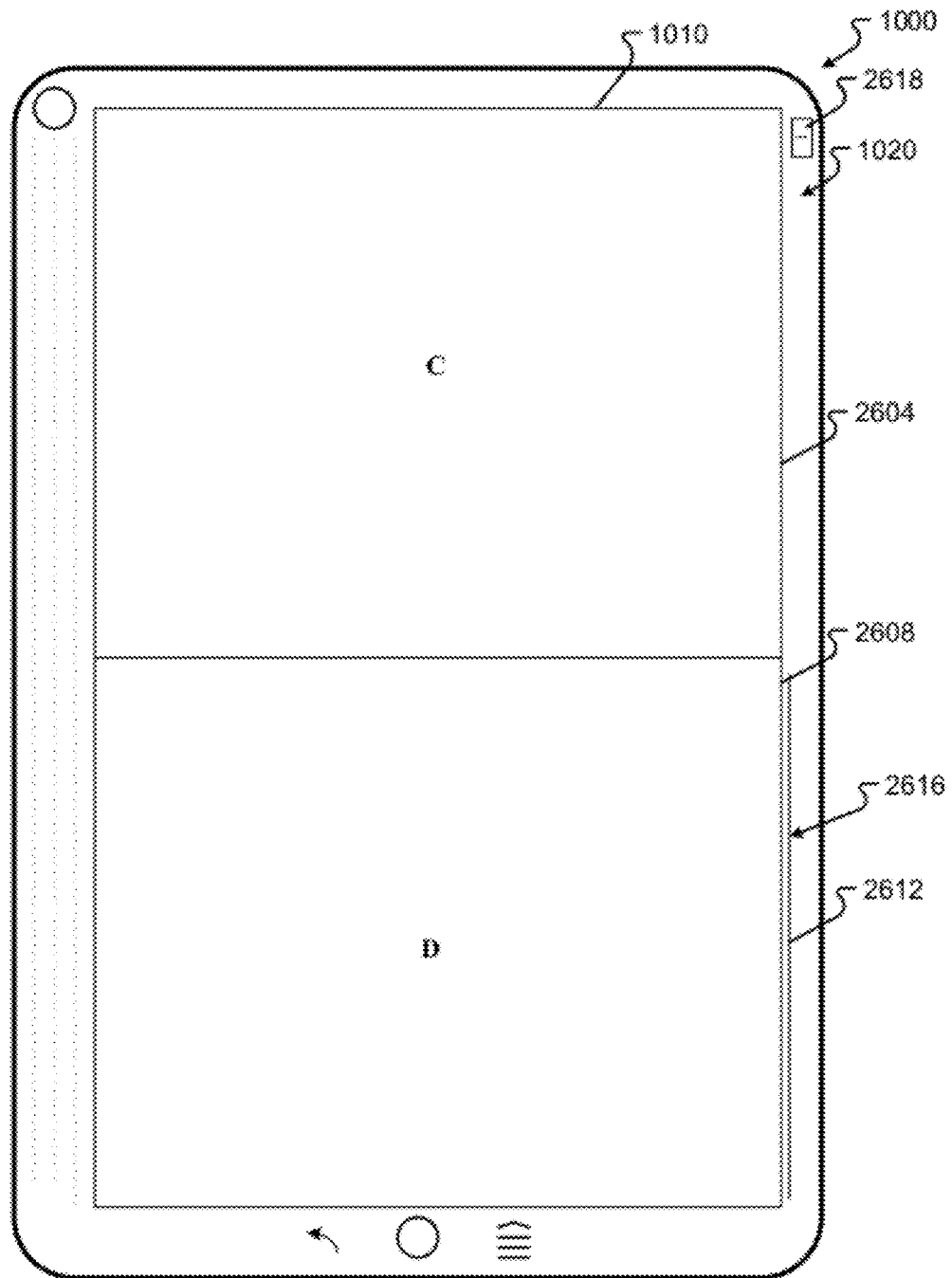


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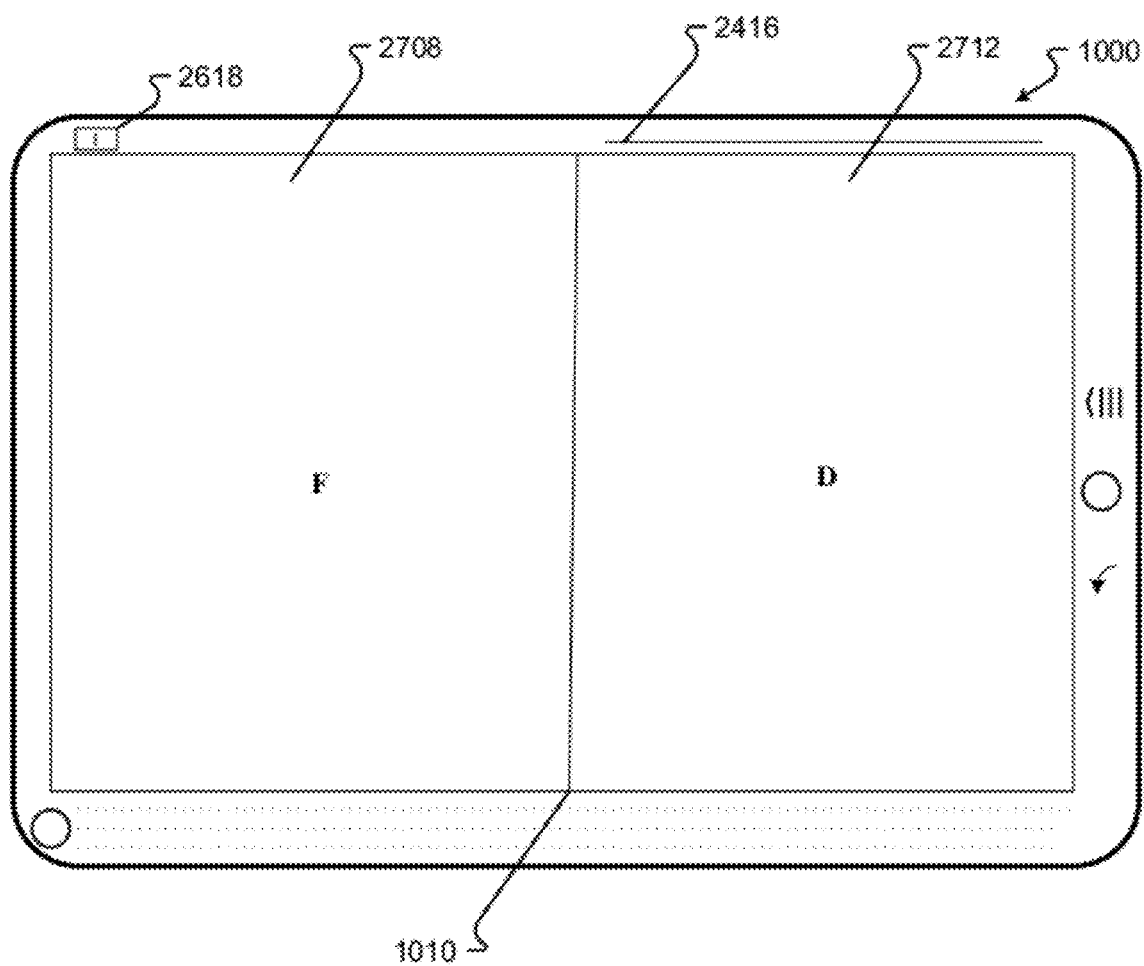


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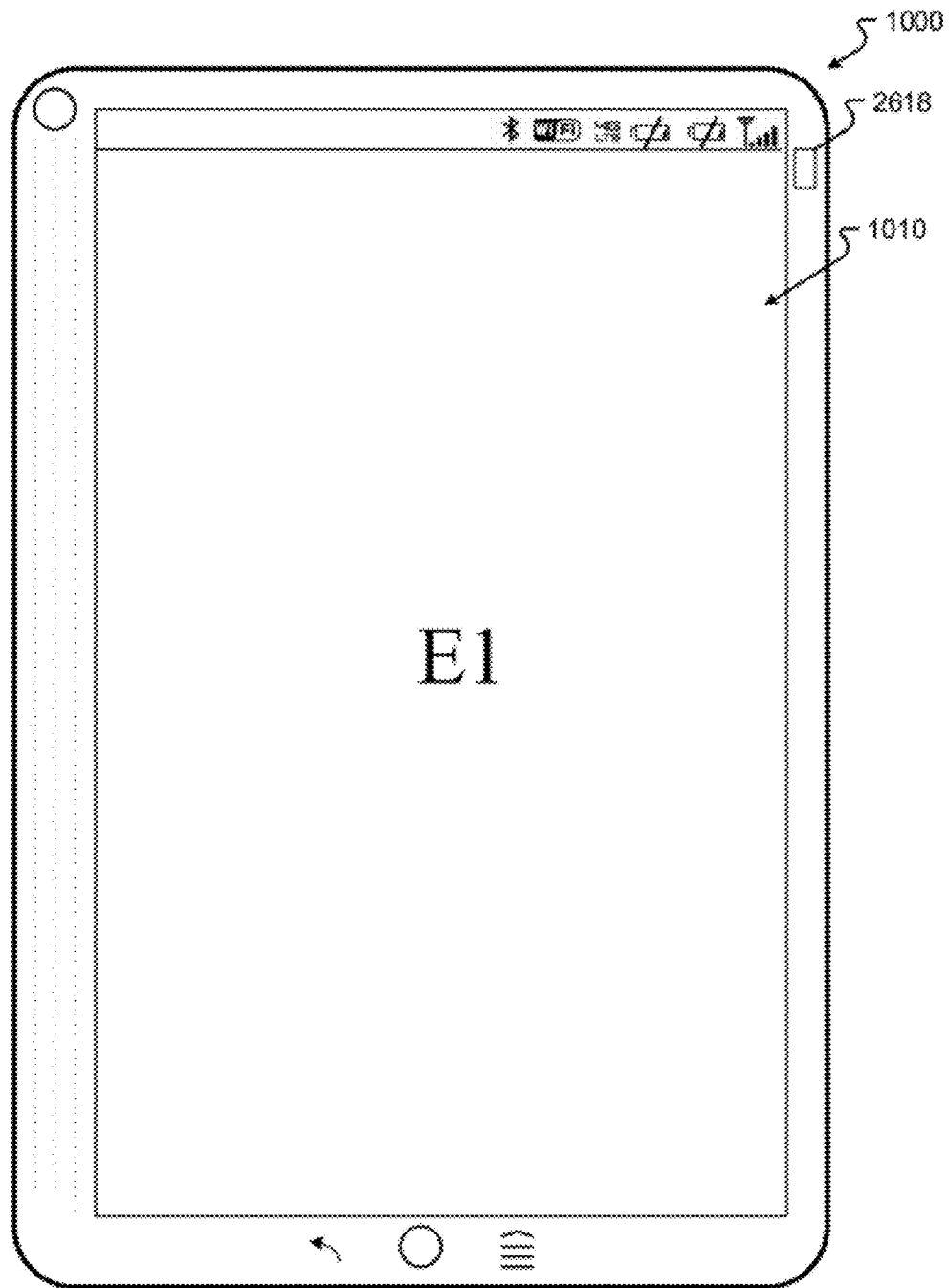


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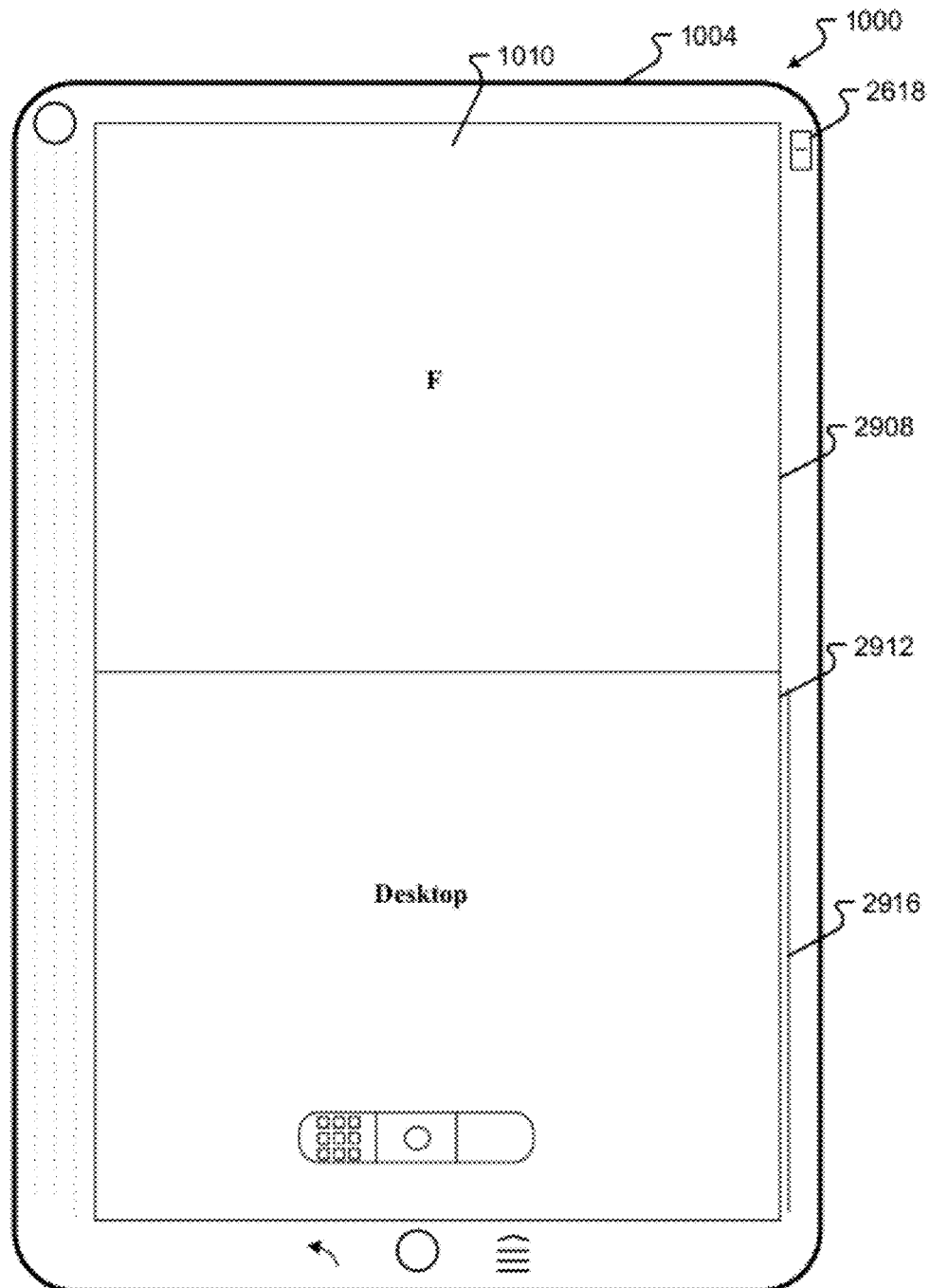


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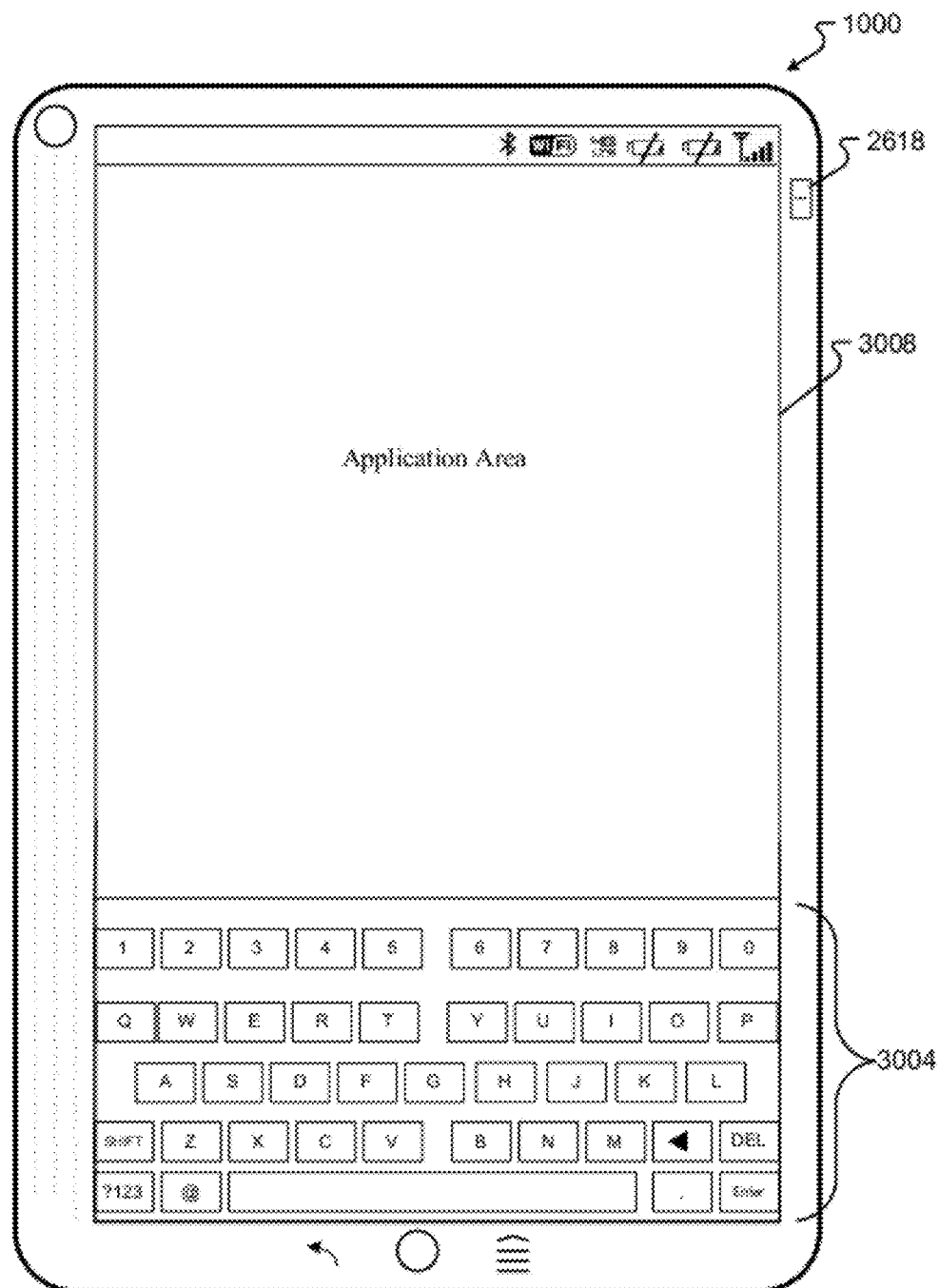


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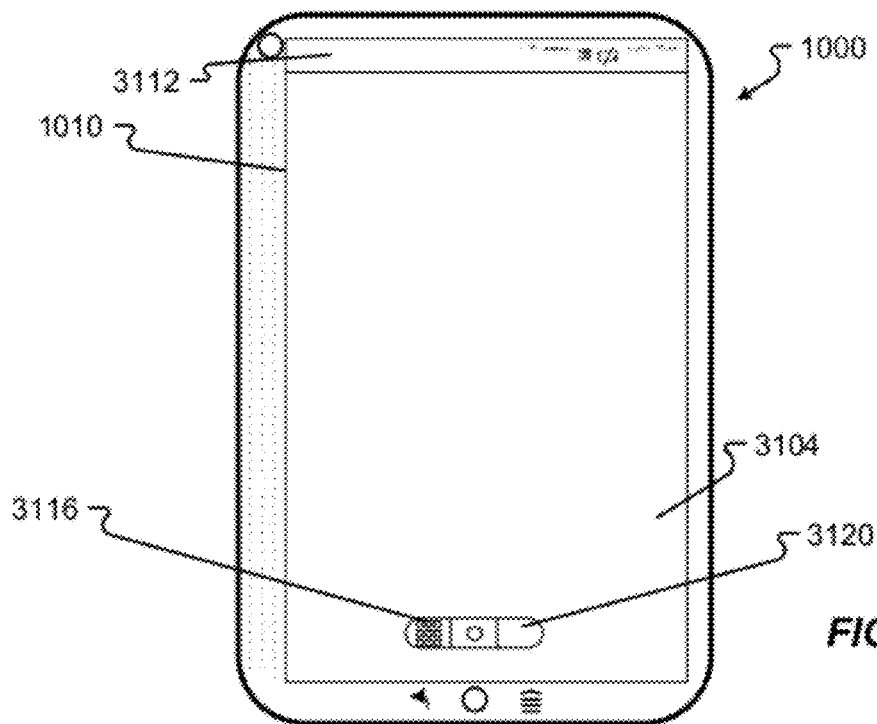


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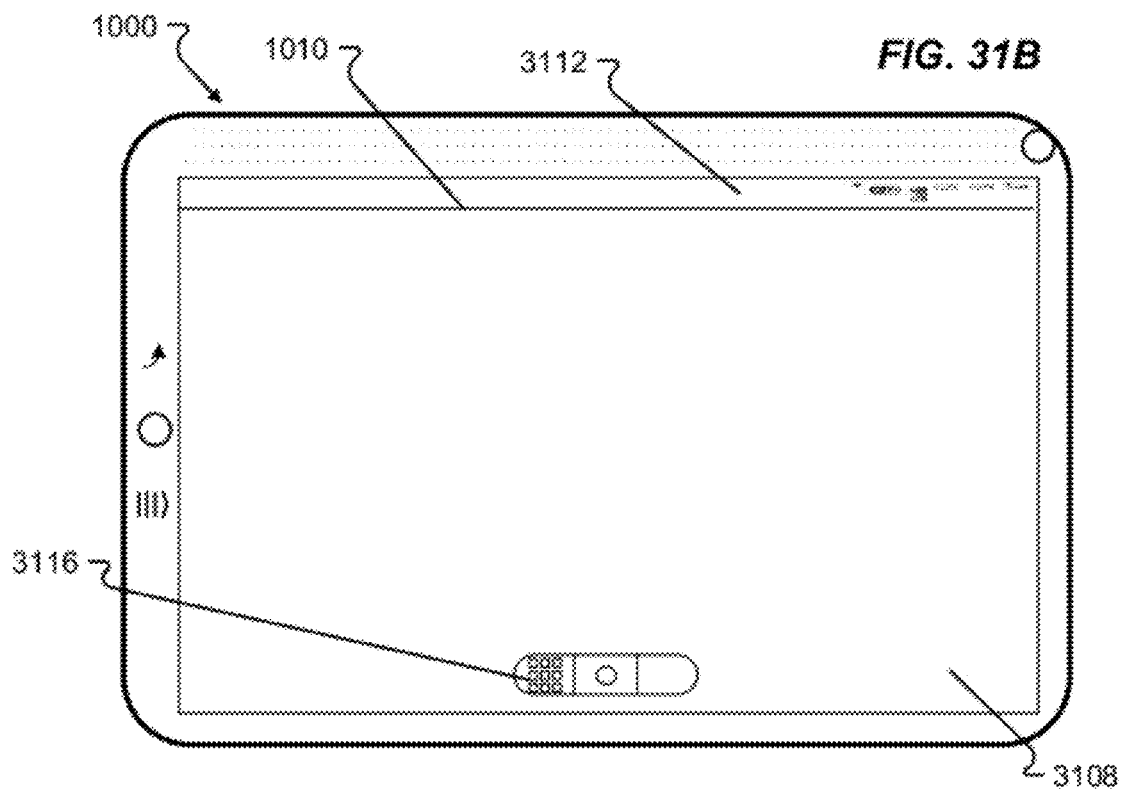
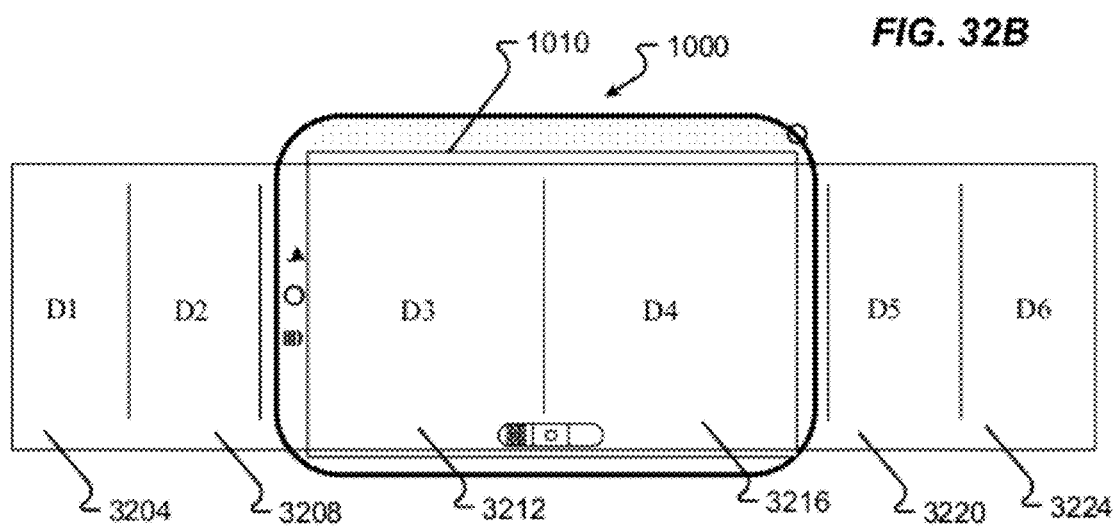
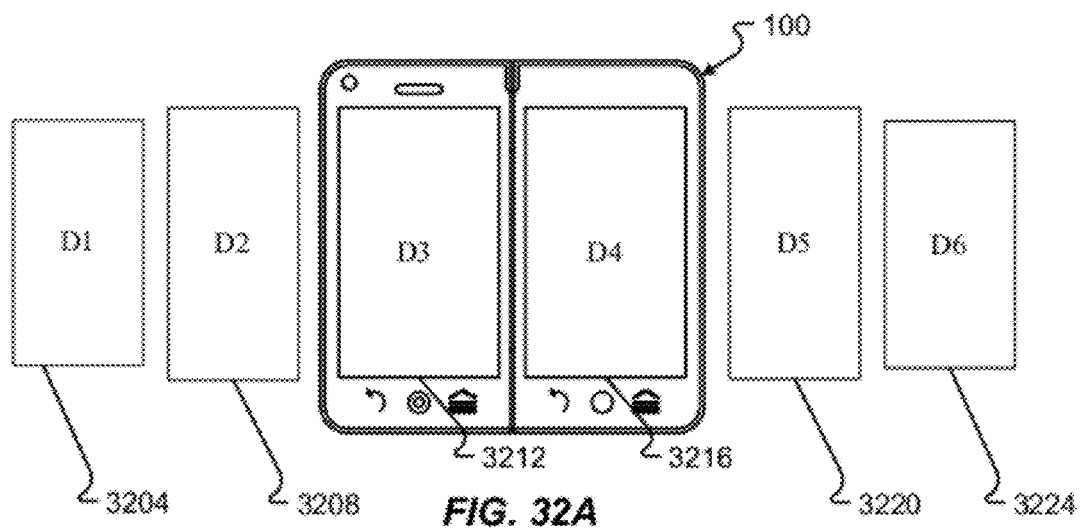


FIG. 31B



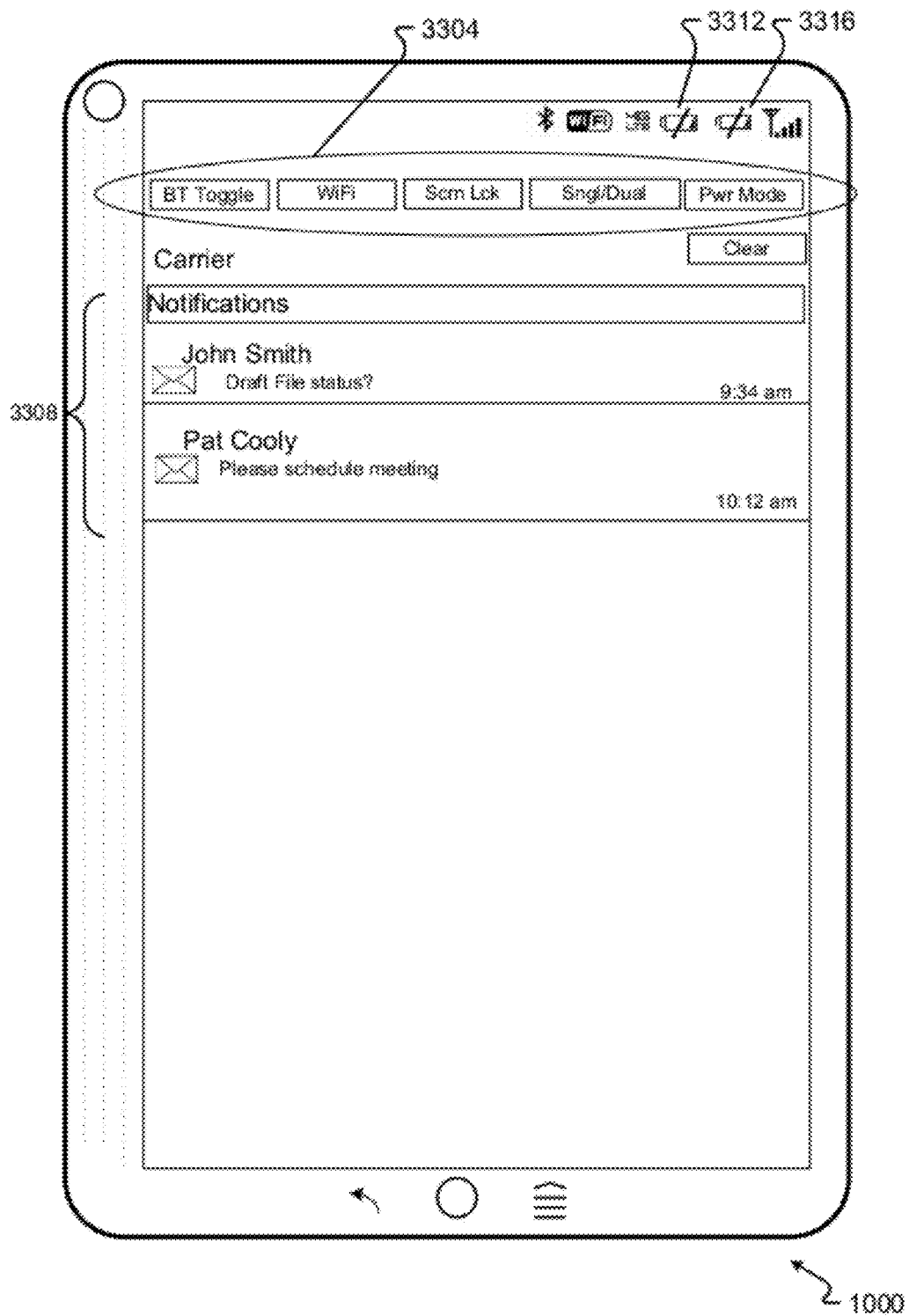
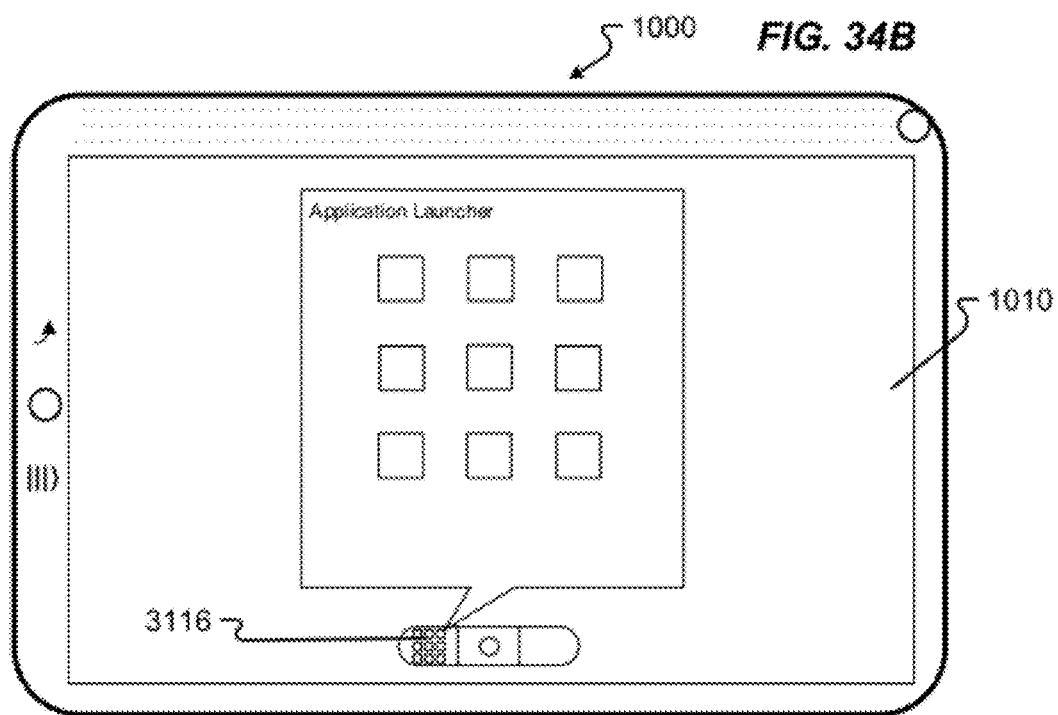
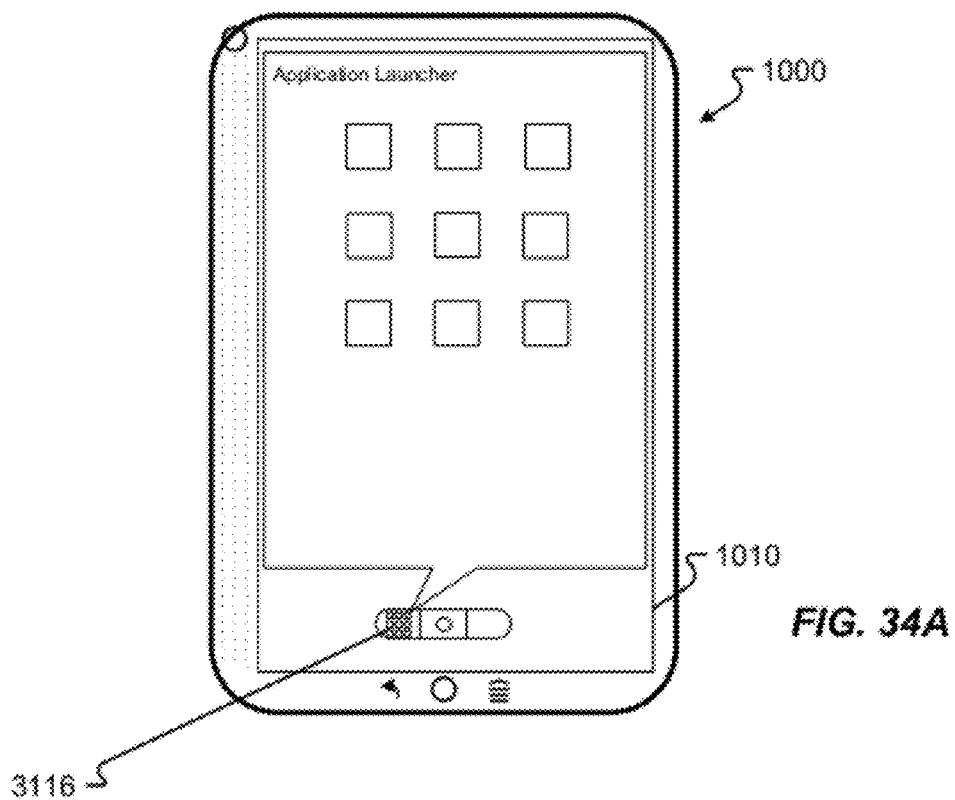
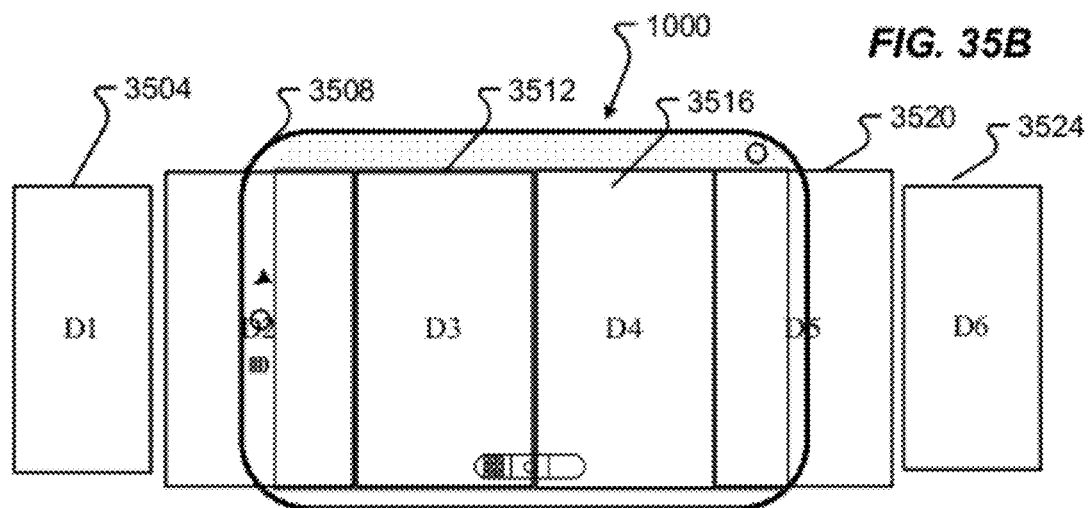
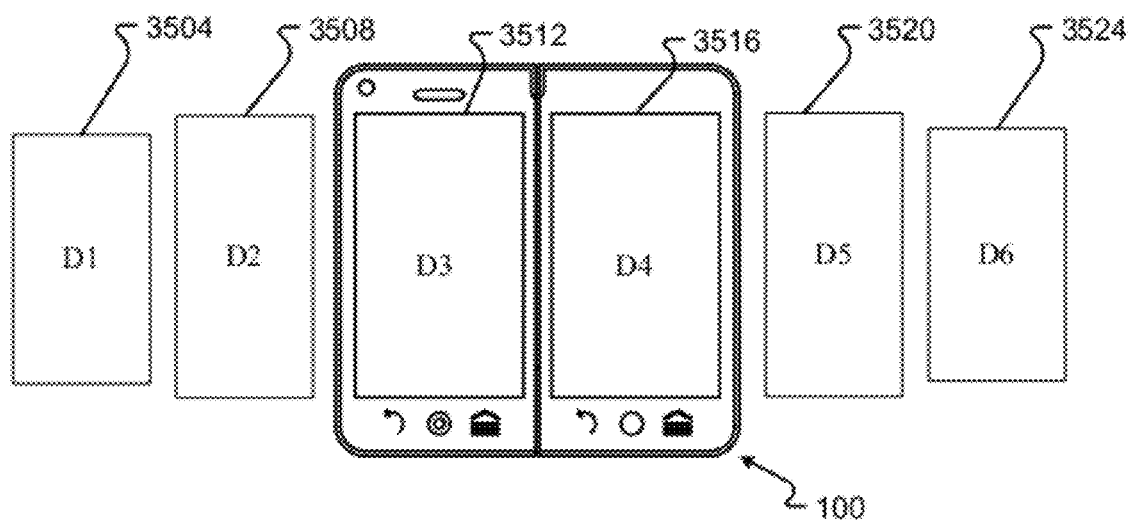


FIG. 33





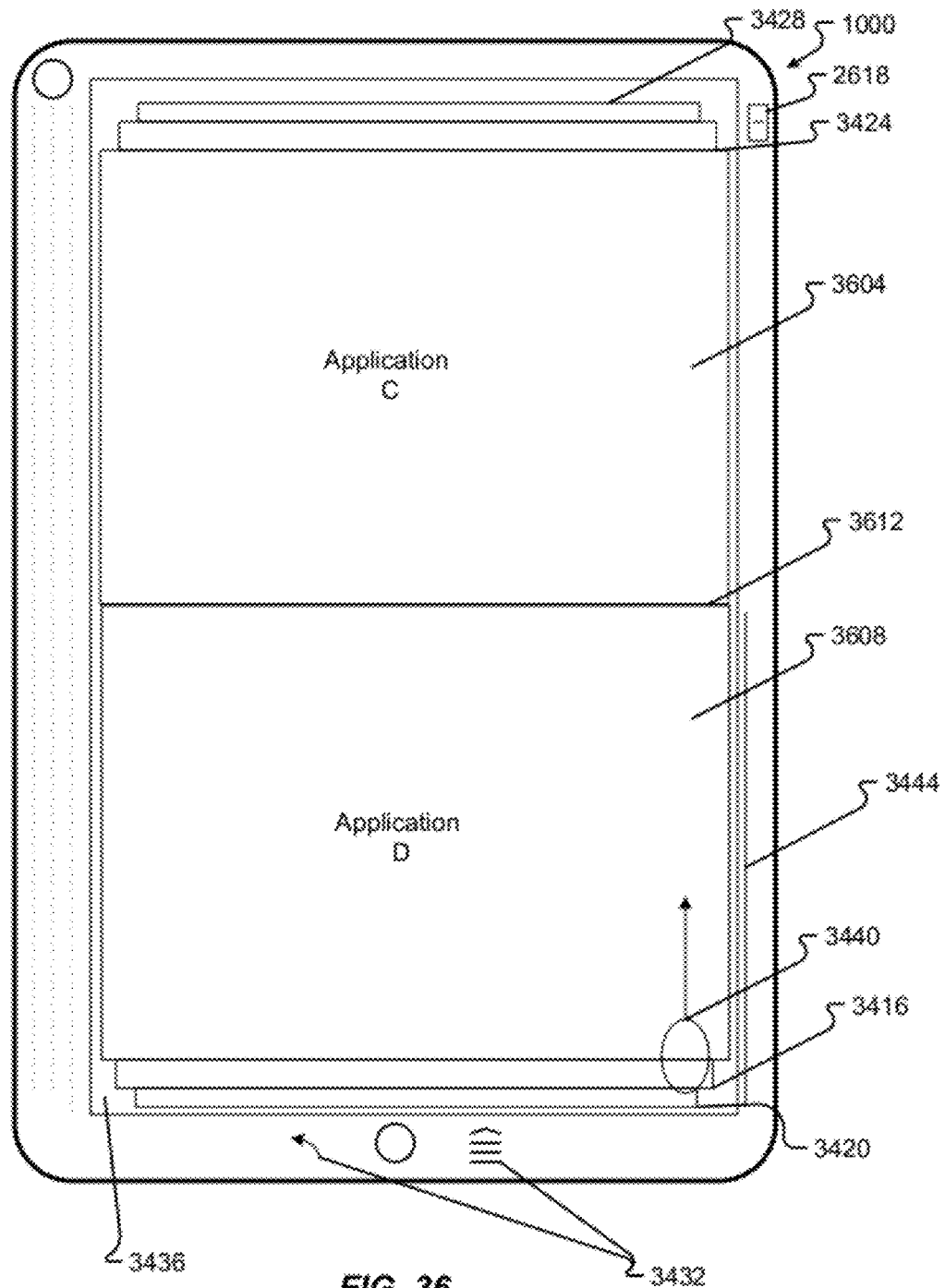
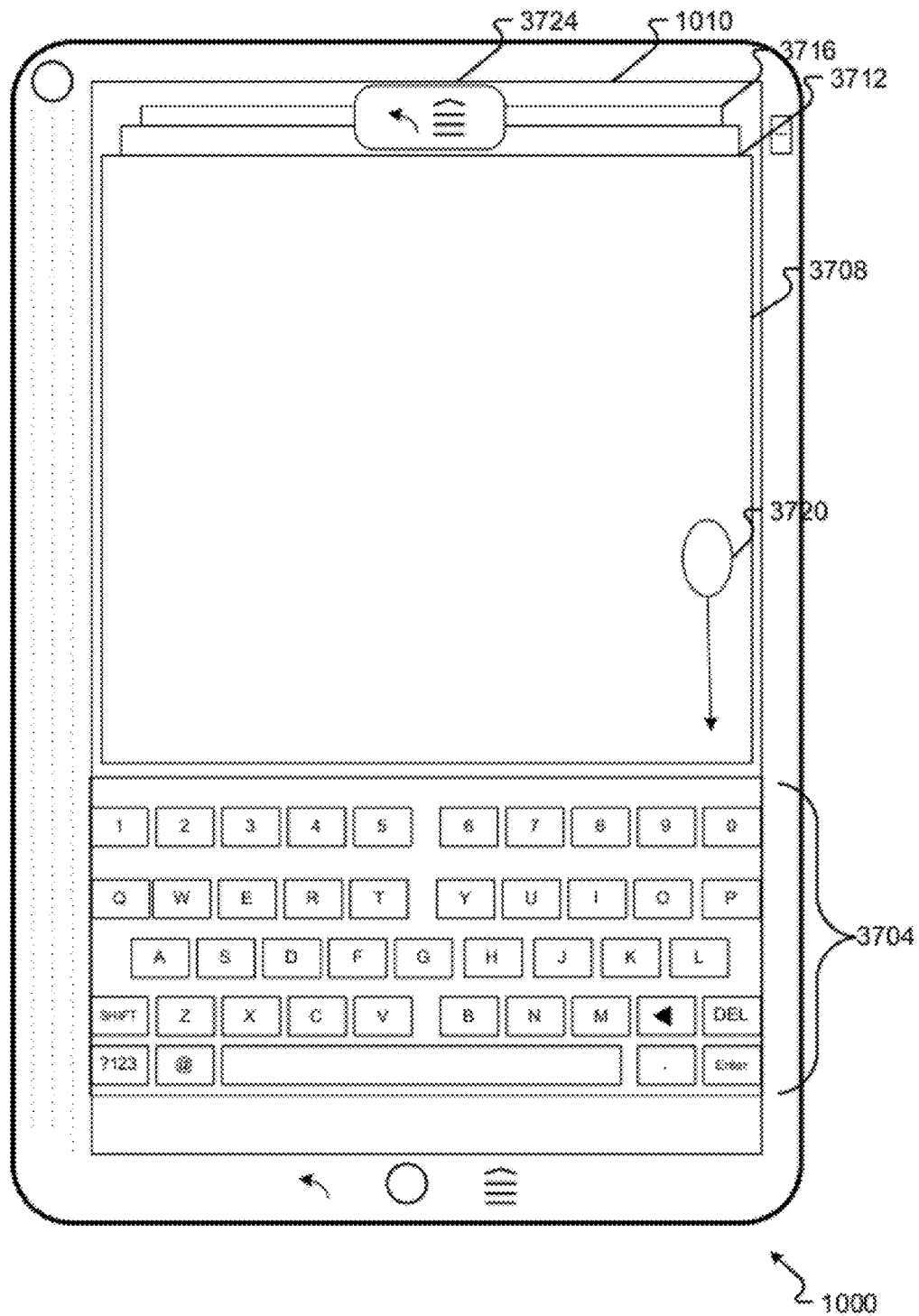
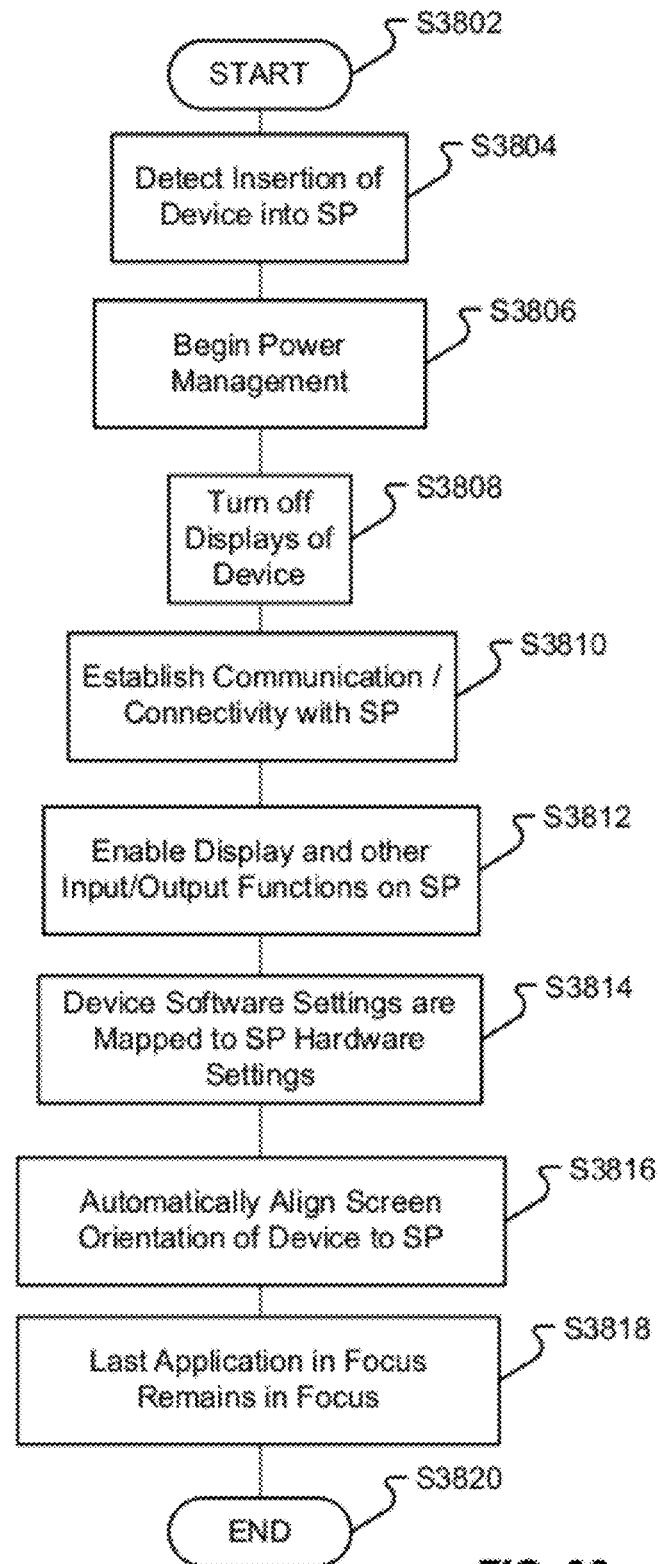
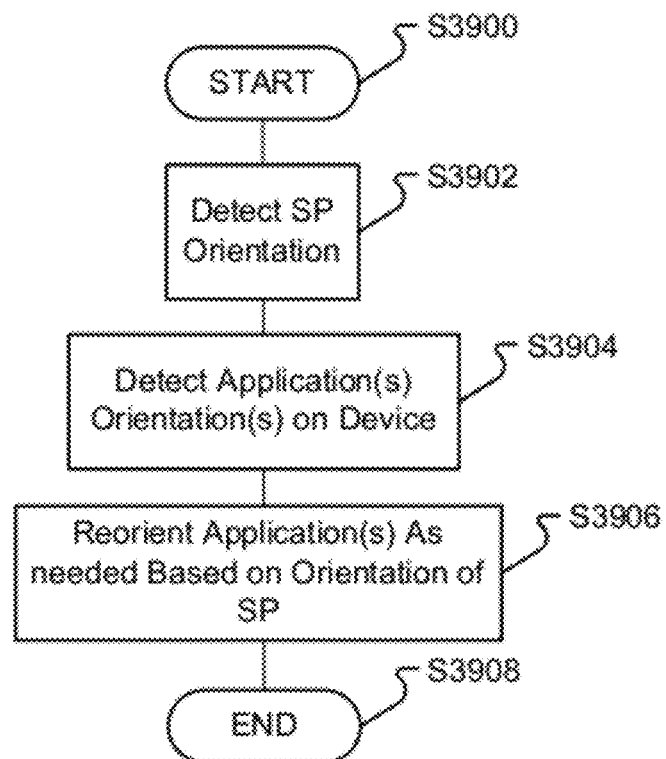
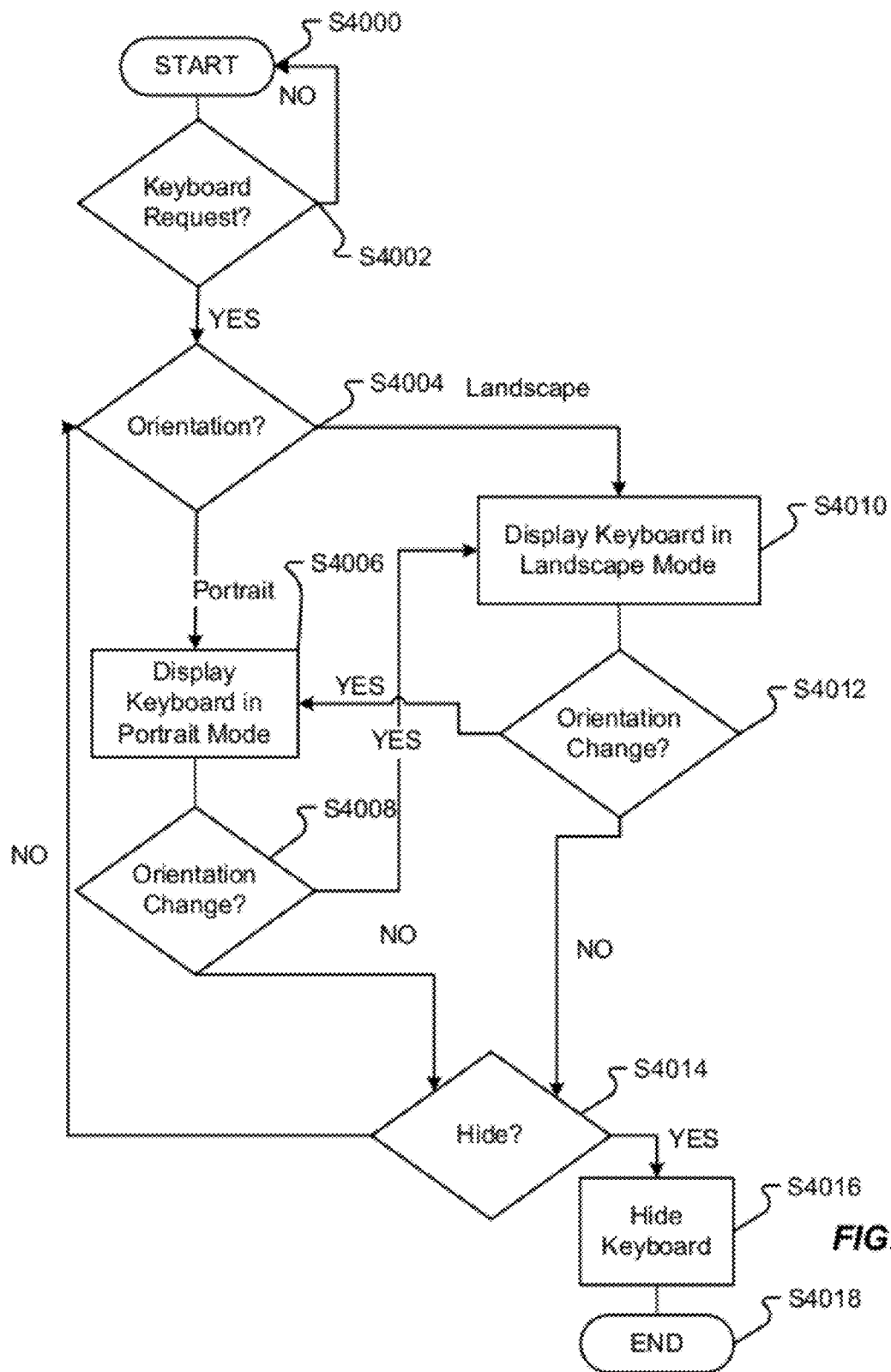


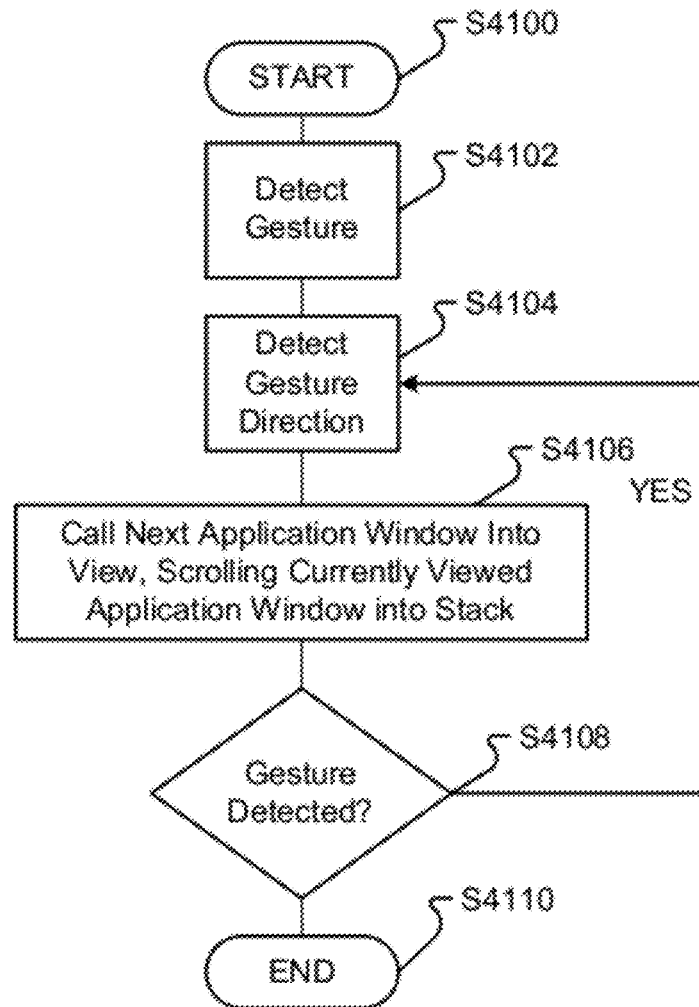
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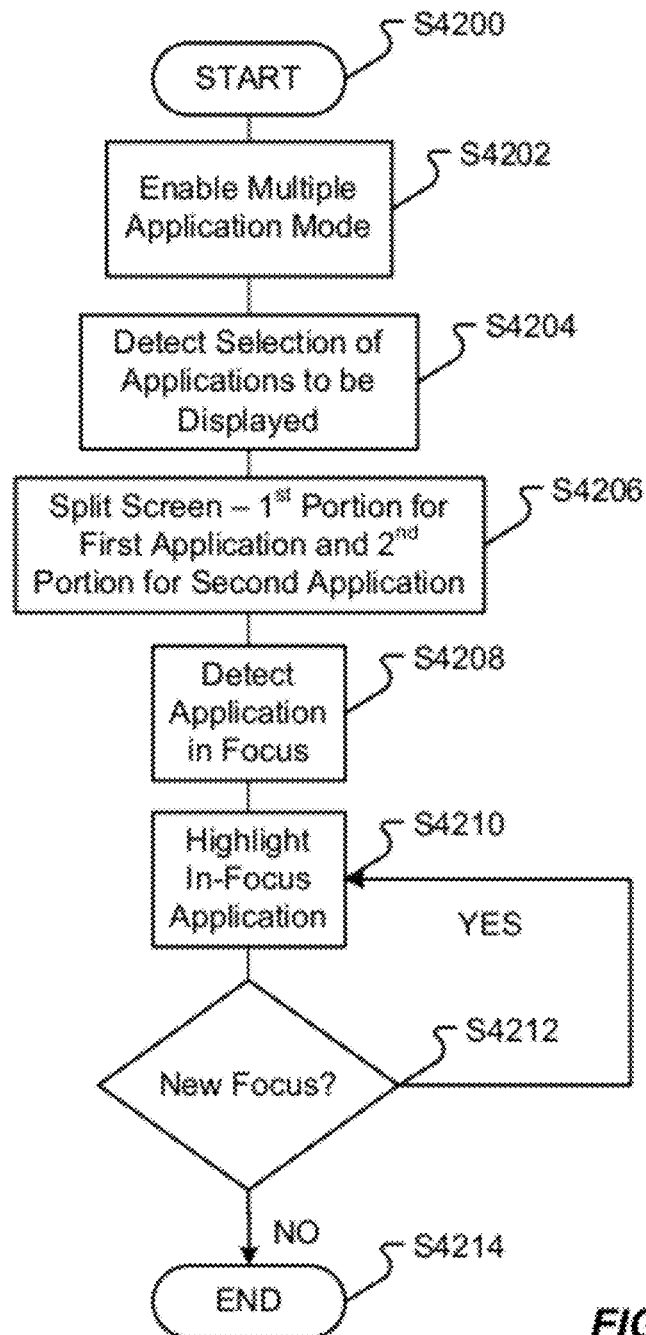


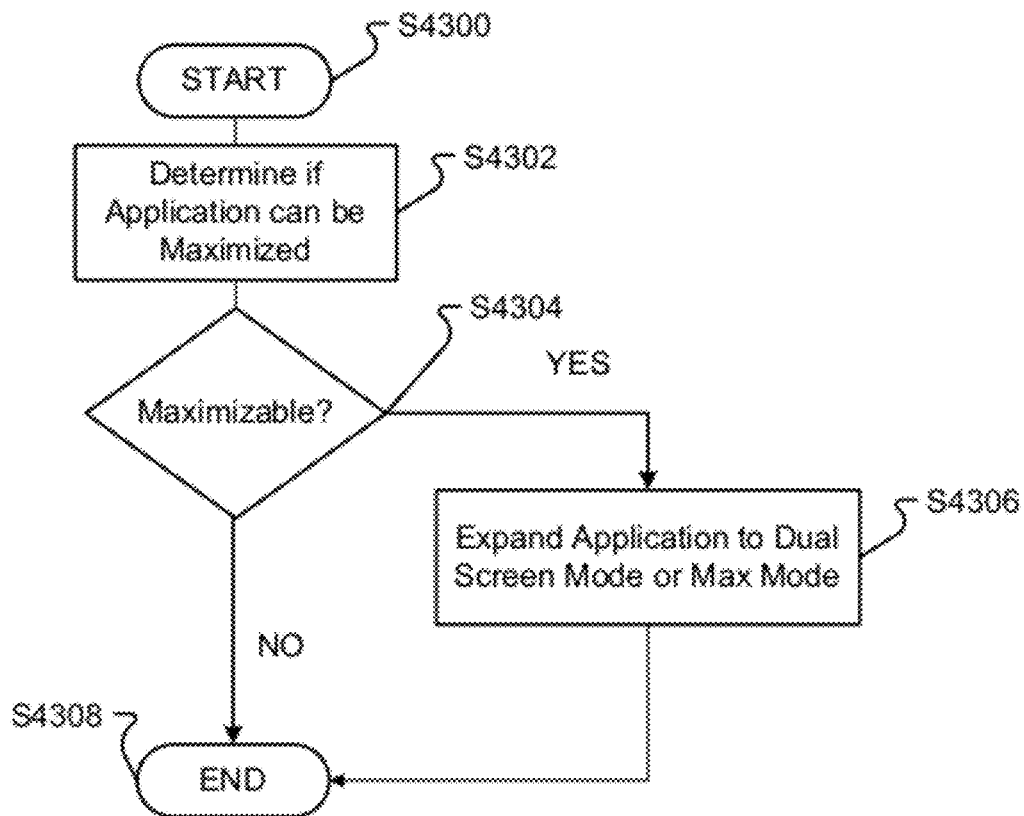
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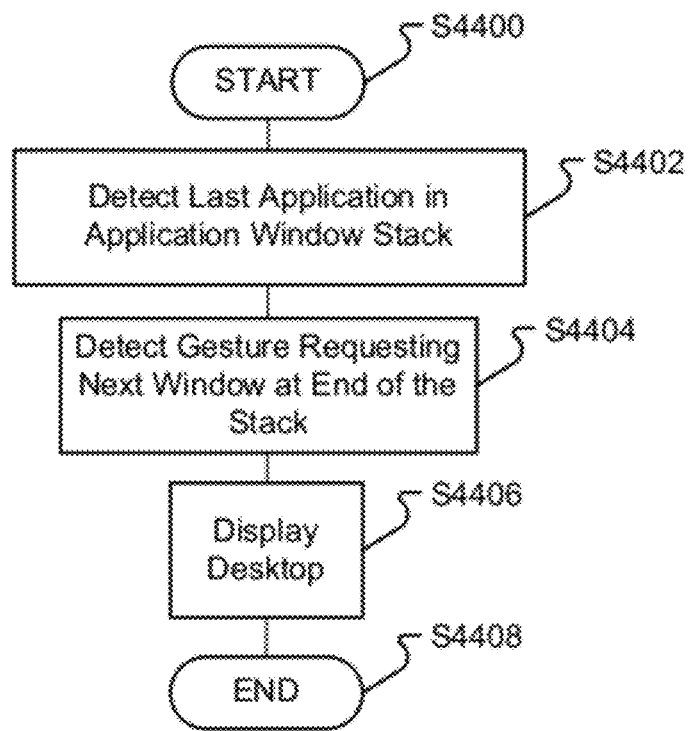
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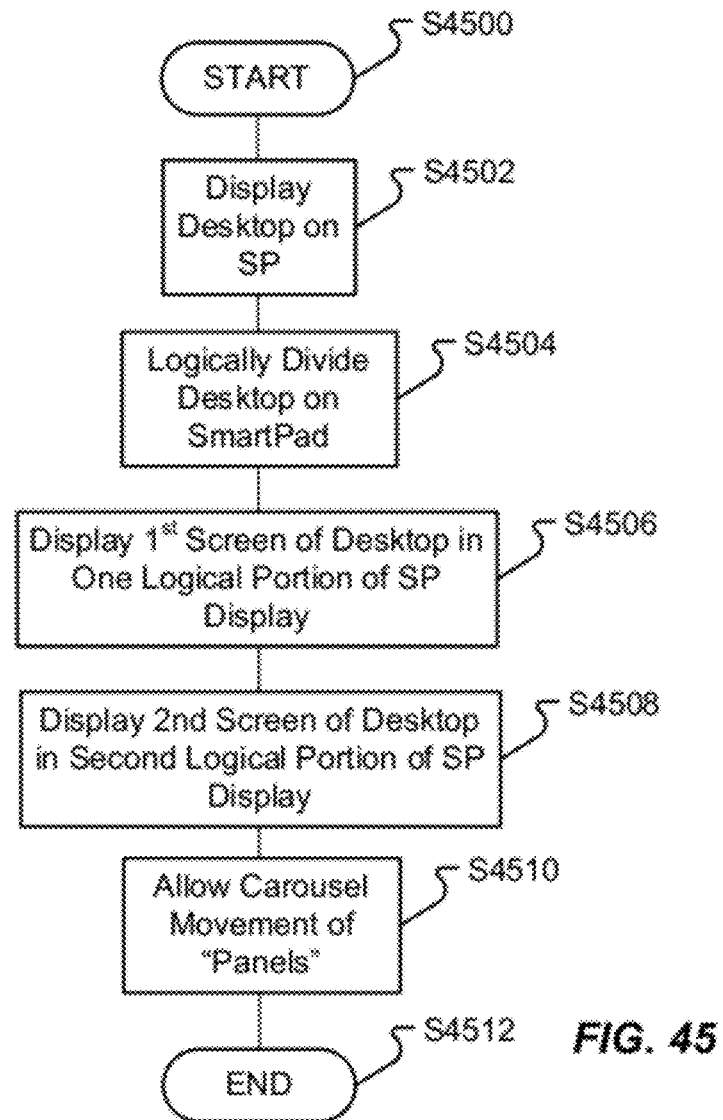
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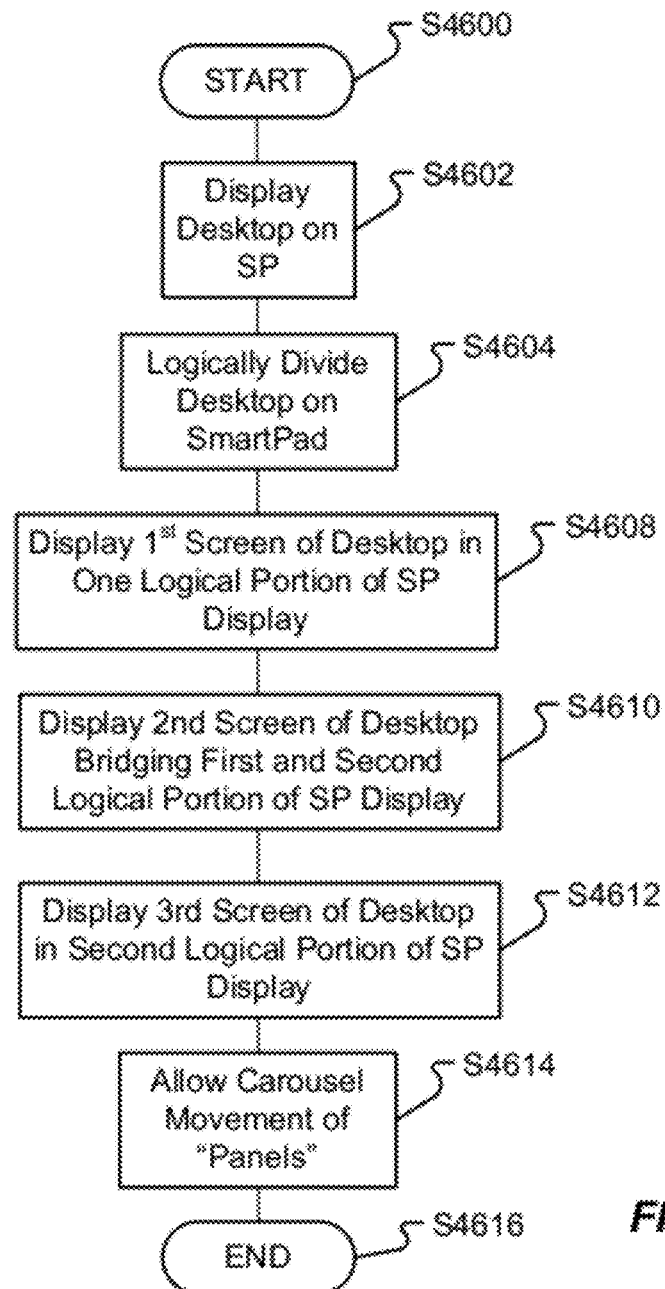
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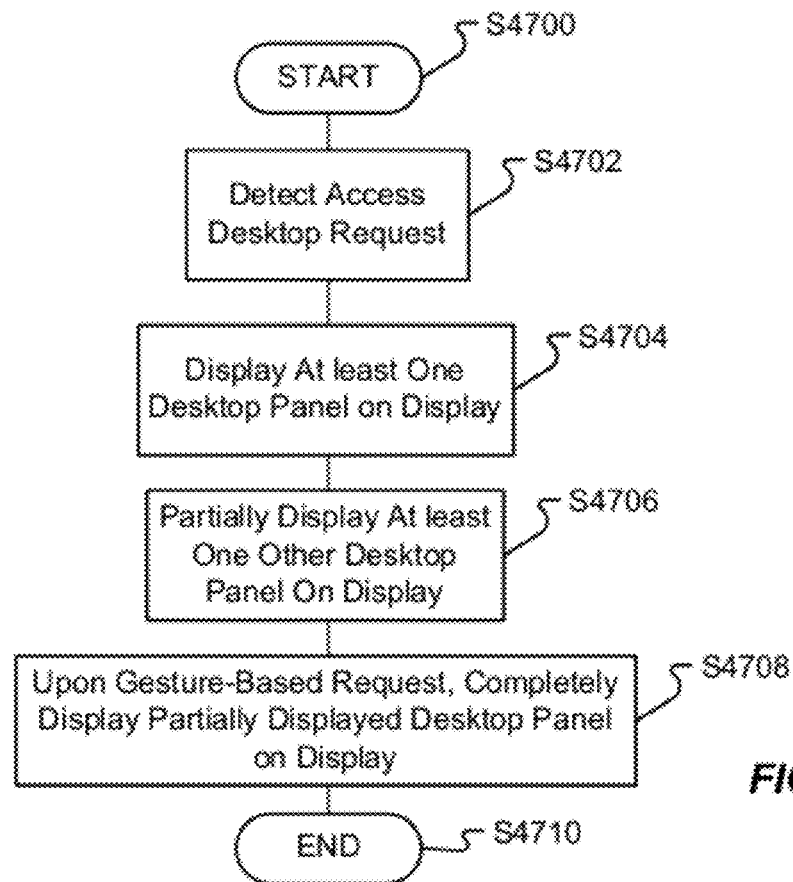
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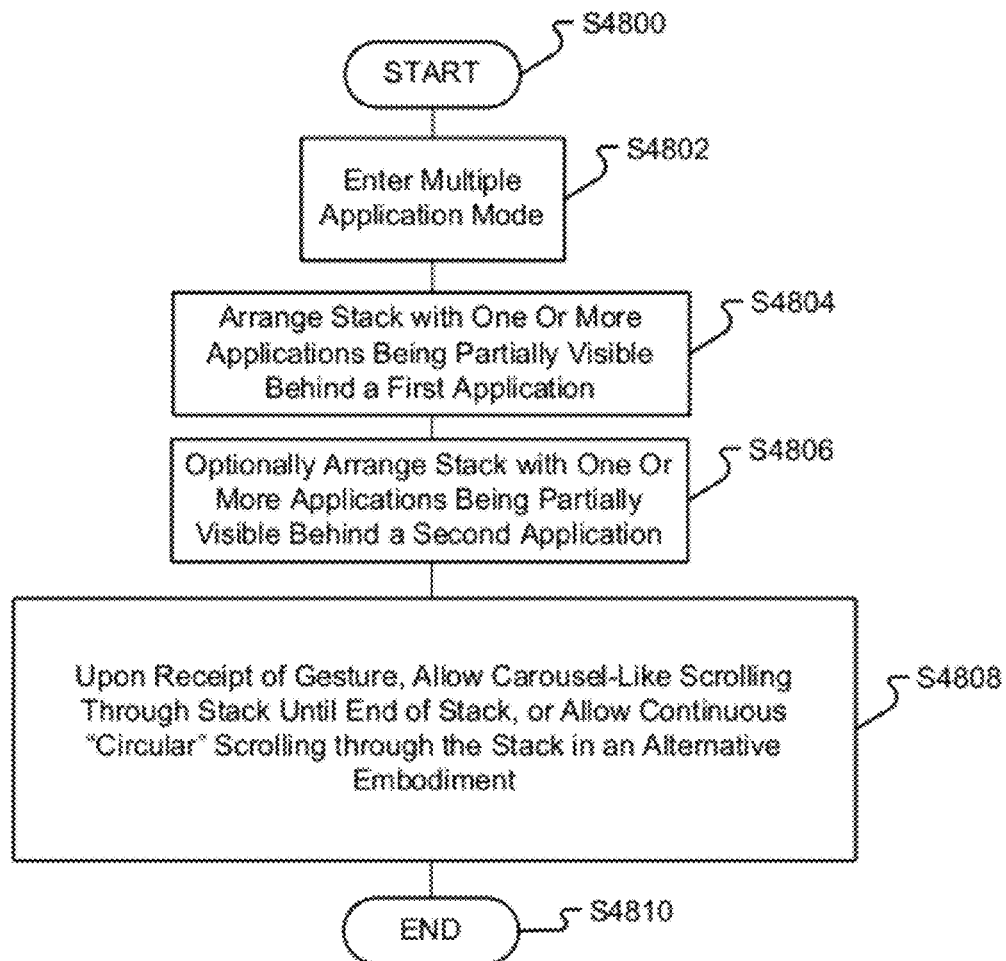
**FIG. 43**

**FIG. 44**



**FIG. 46**

**FIG. 47**

**FIG. 48**

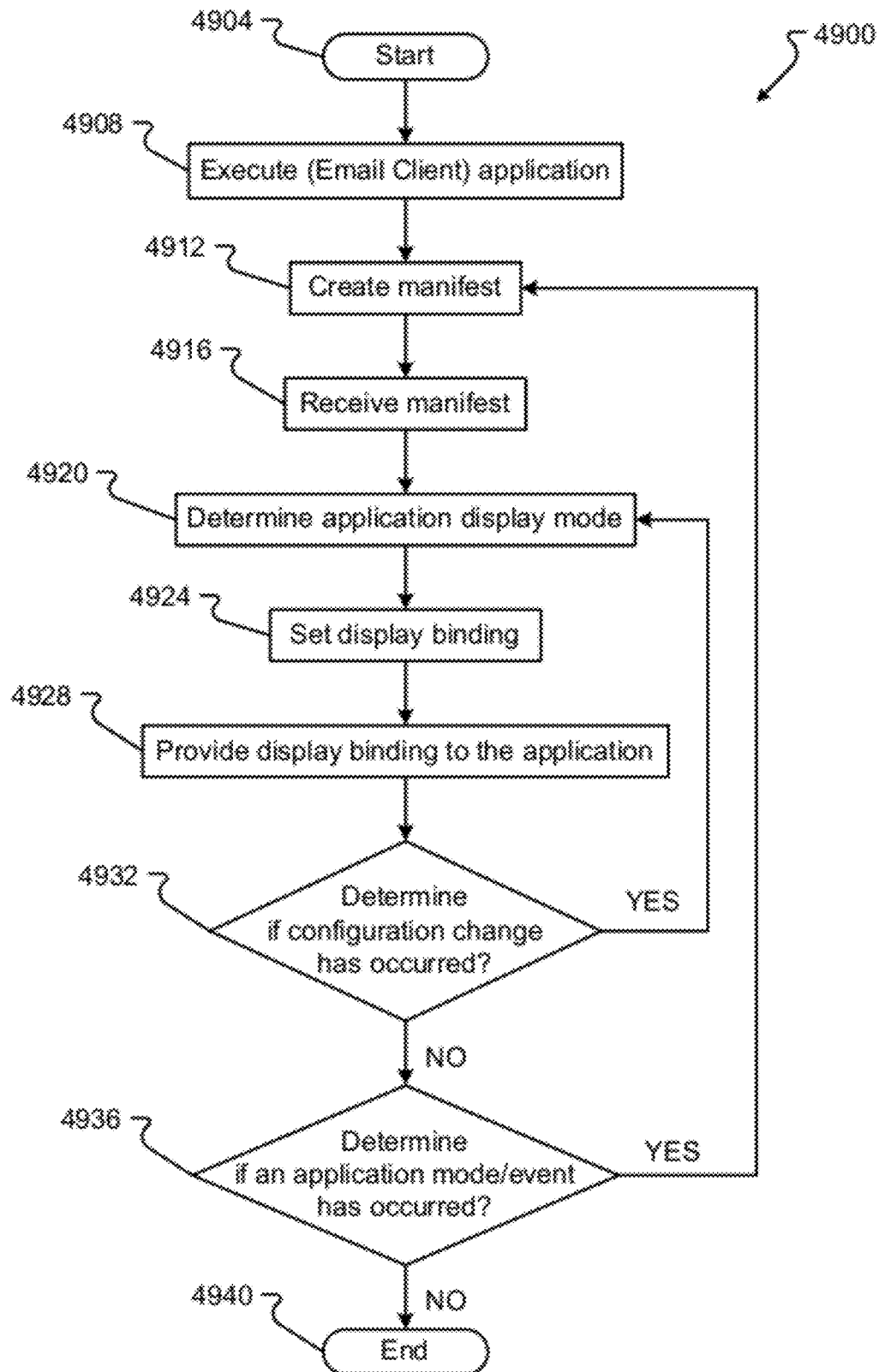


FIG. 49

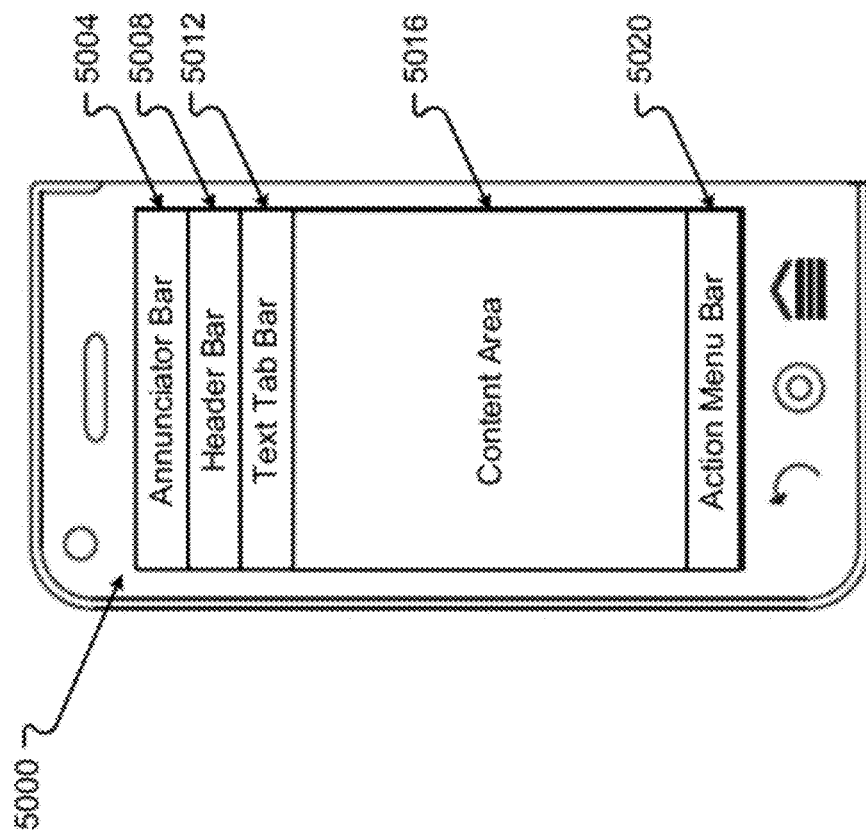


FIG. 50

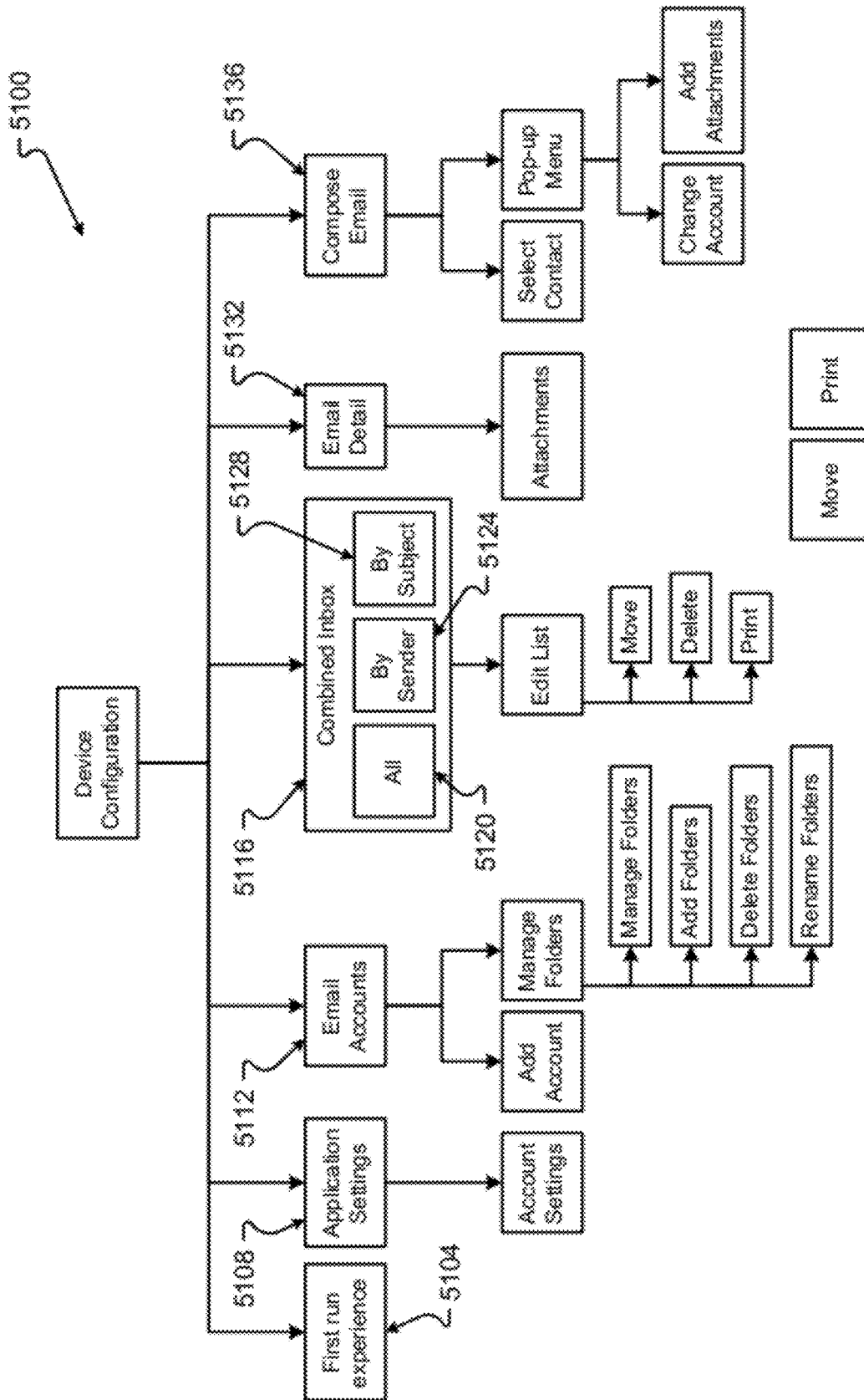


FIG. 51

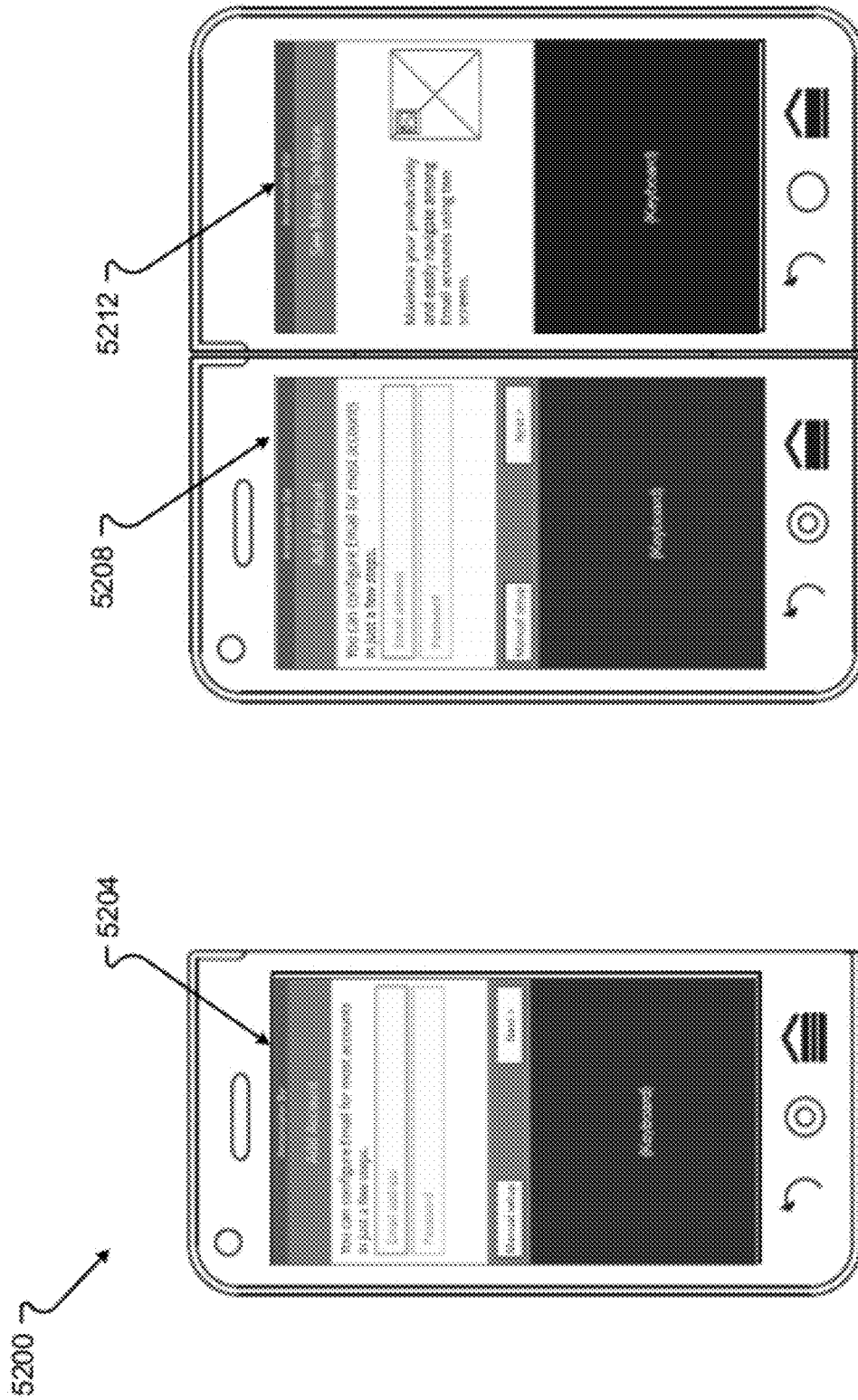


FIG. 52A

FIG. 52B

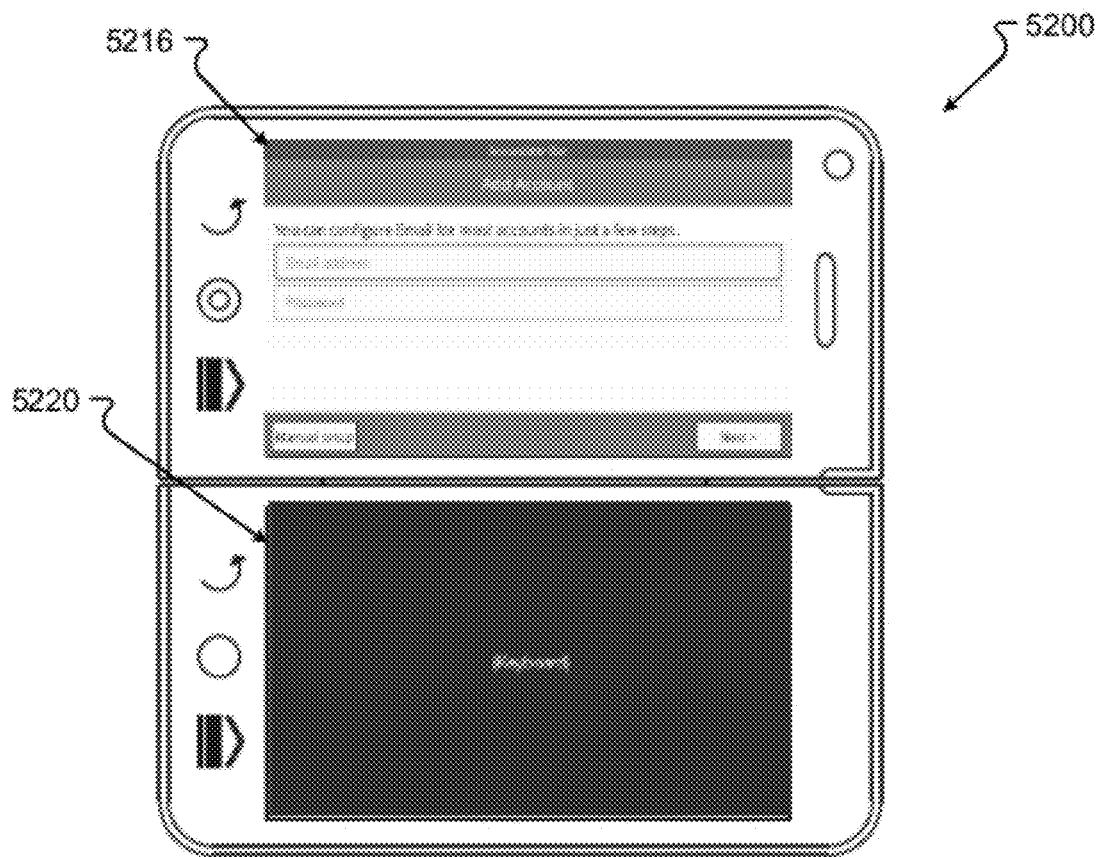
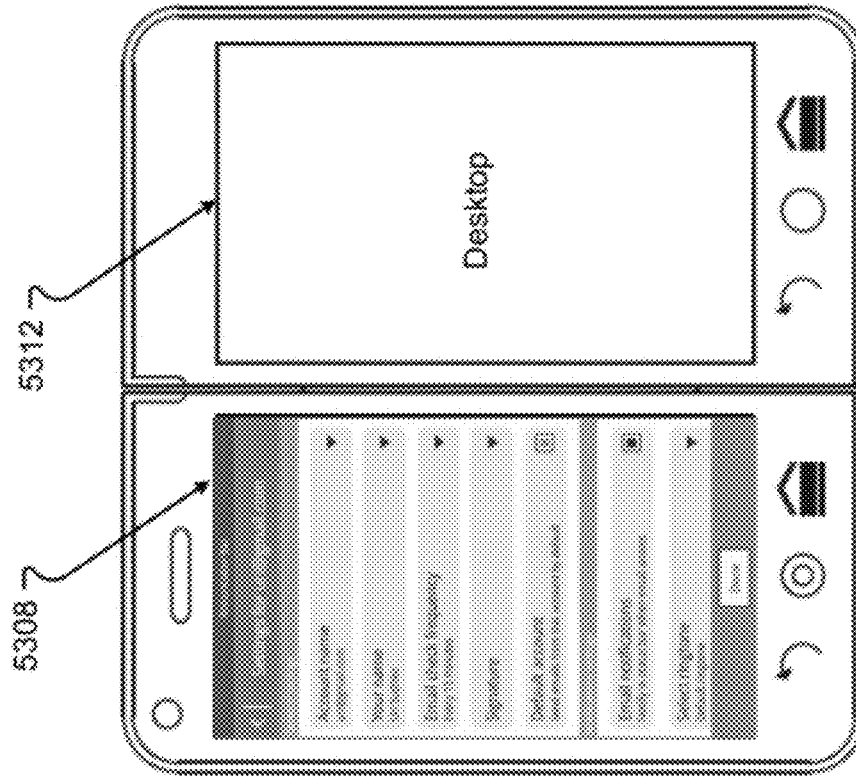
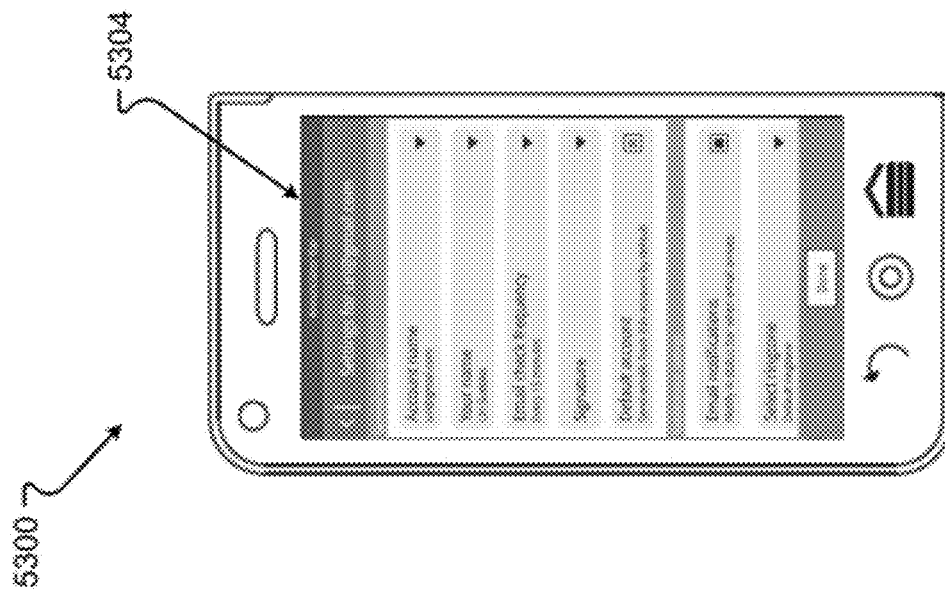


FIG. 52C



FIG. 52D



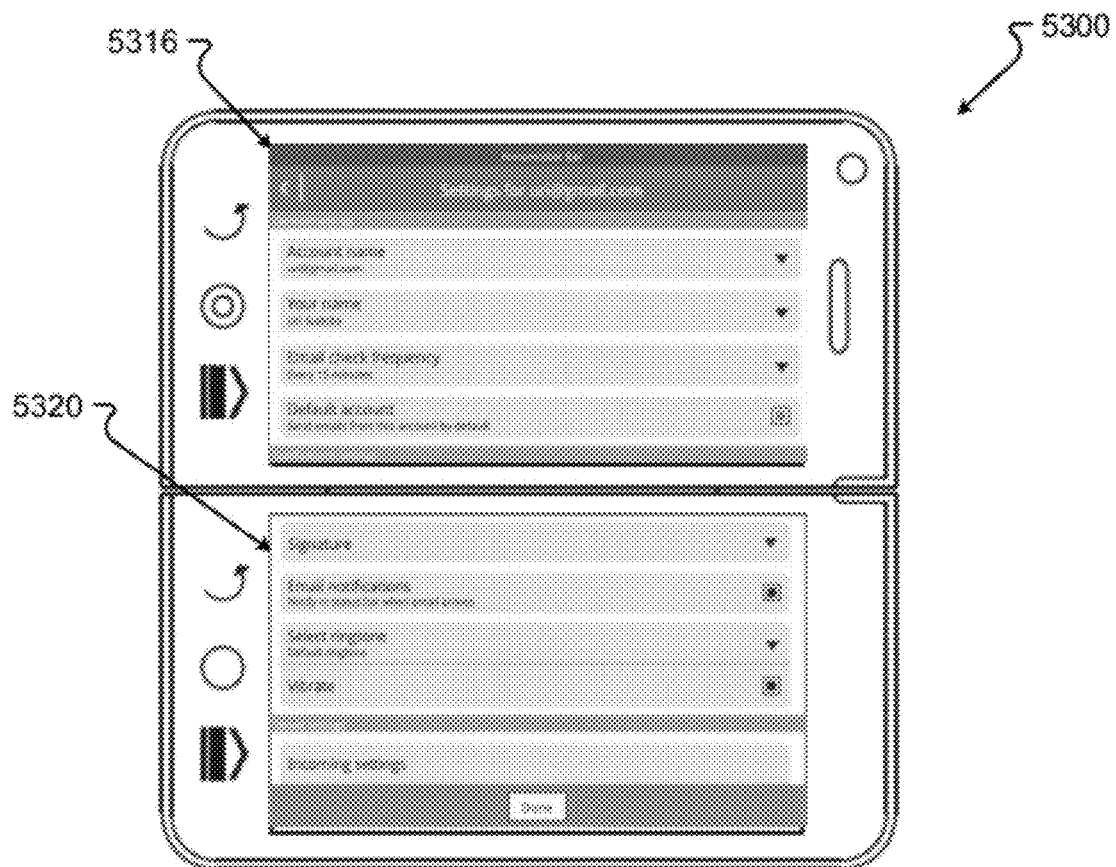


FIG. 53C

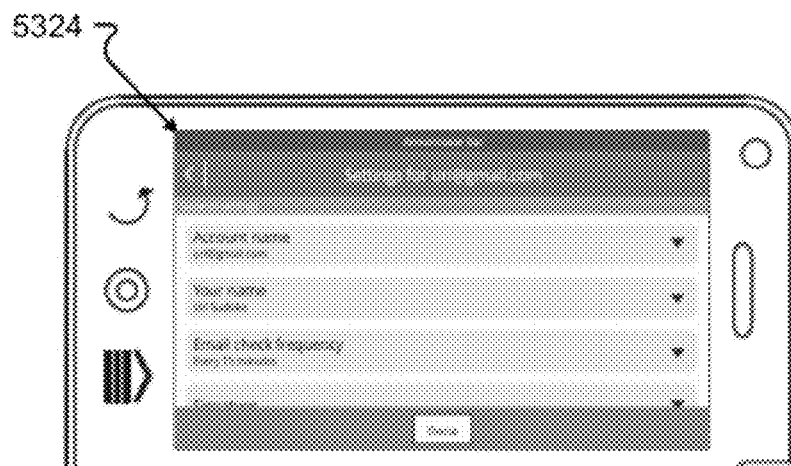


FIG. 53D

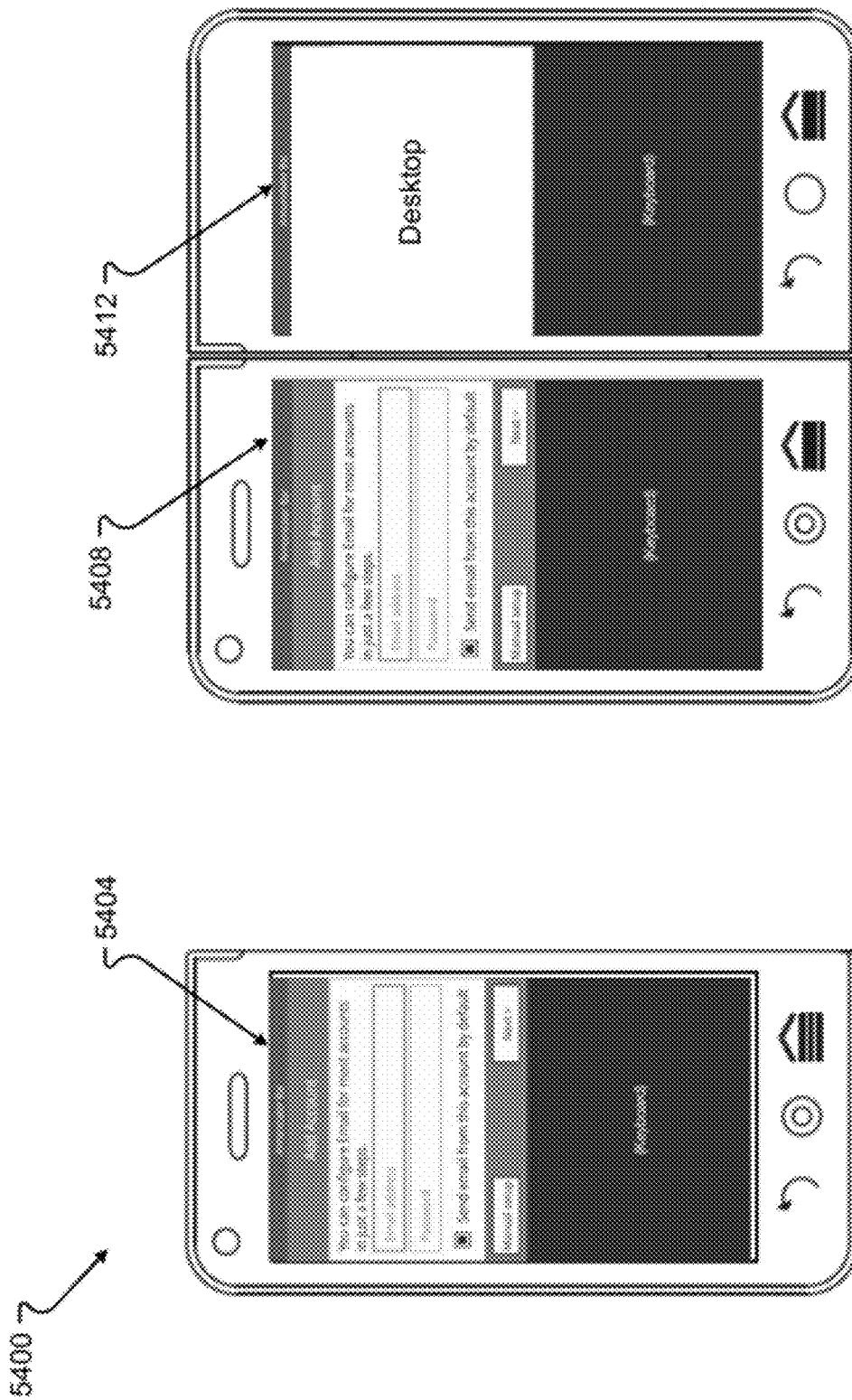


FIG. 54B

FIG. 54A

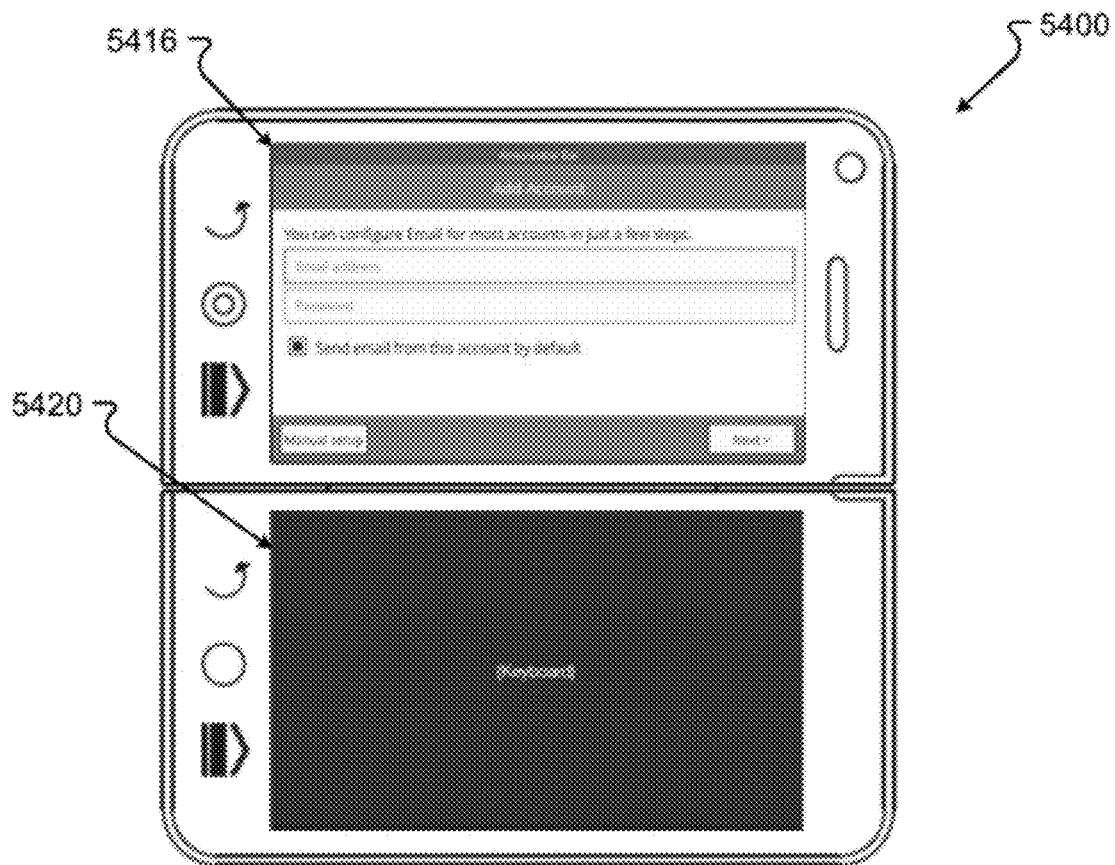


FIG. 54C

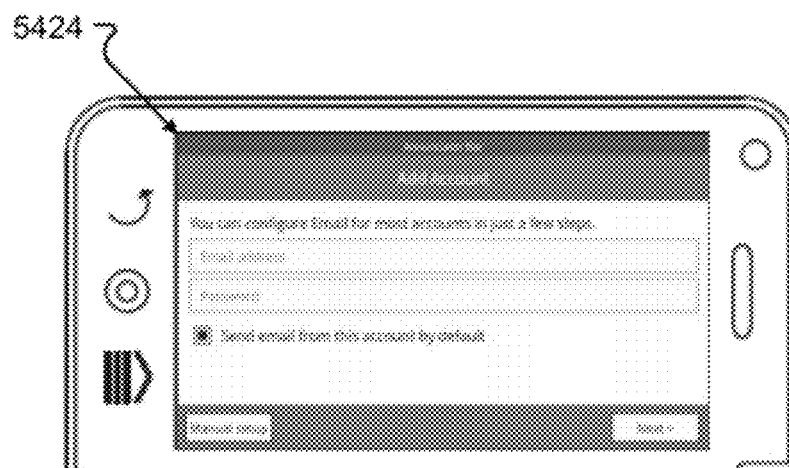


FIG. 54D

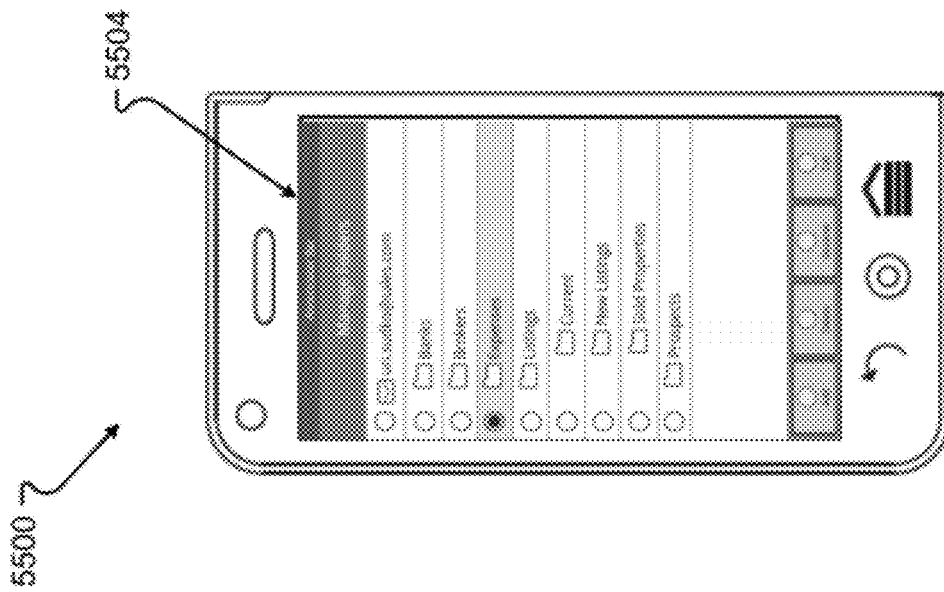


FIG. 55A

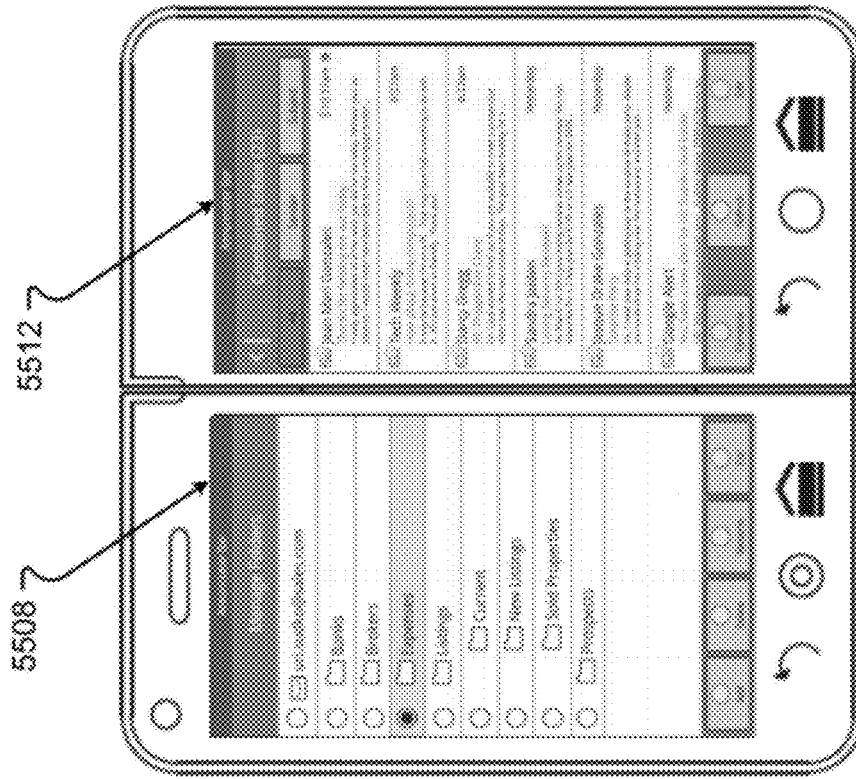


FIG. 55B

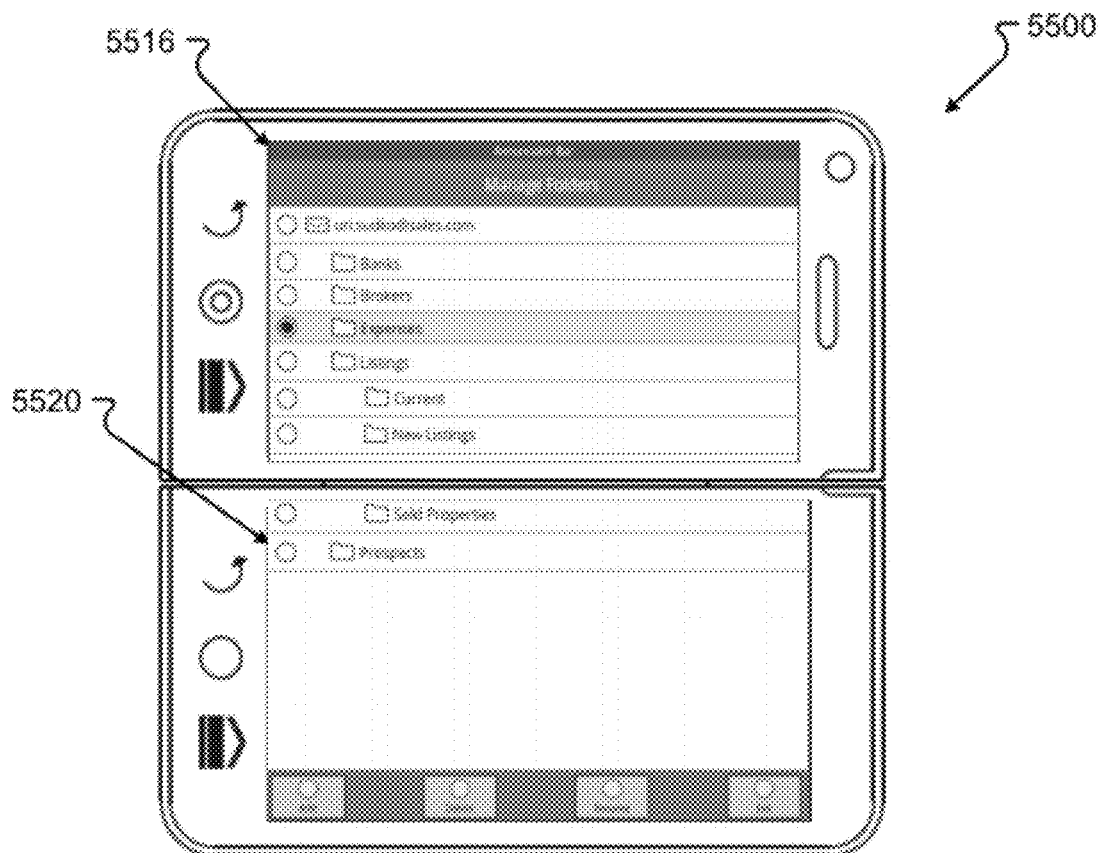


FIG. 55C

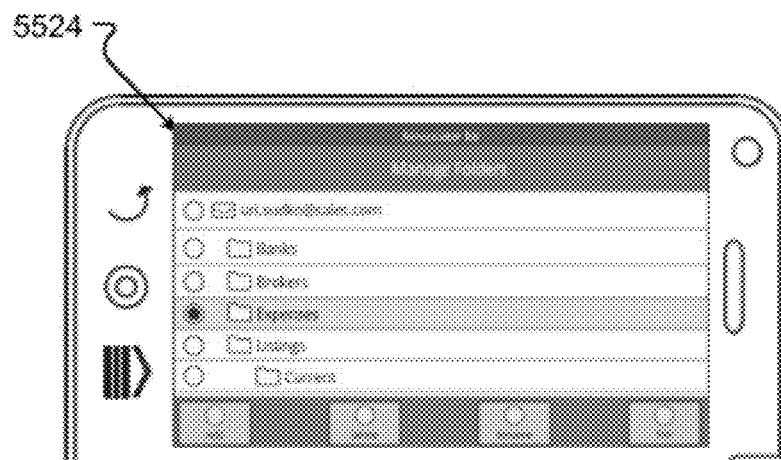


FIG. 55D

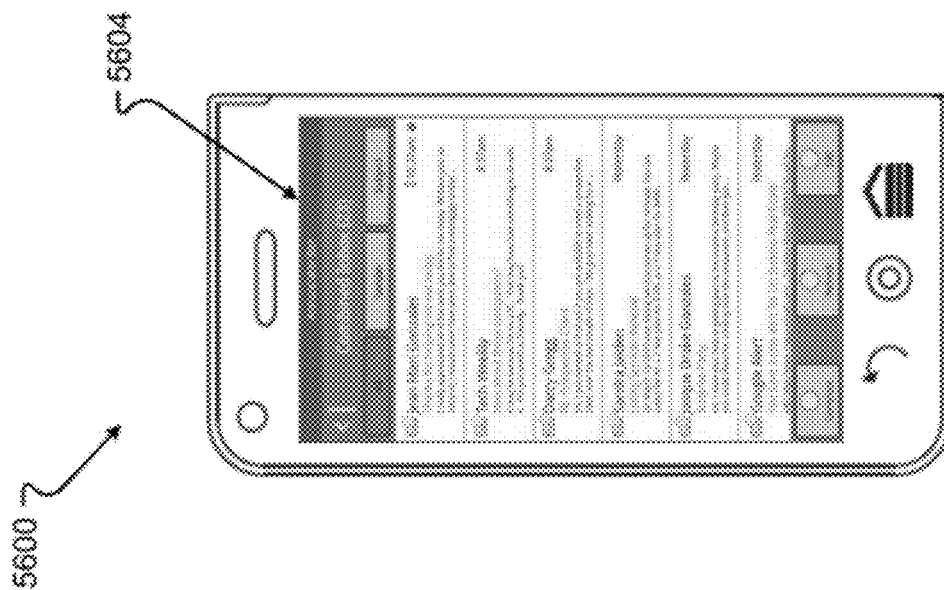


FIG. 56A

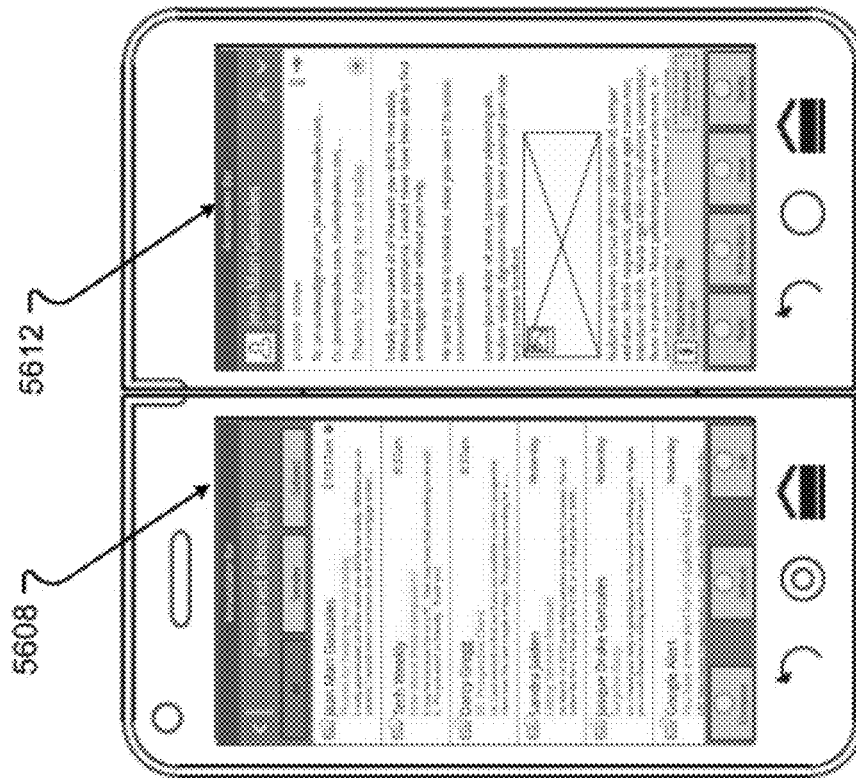


FIG. 56B

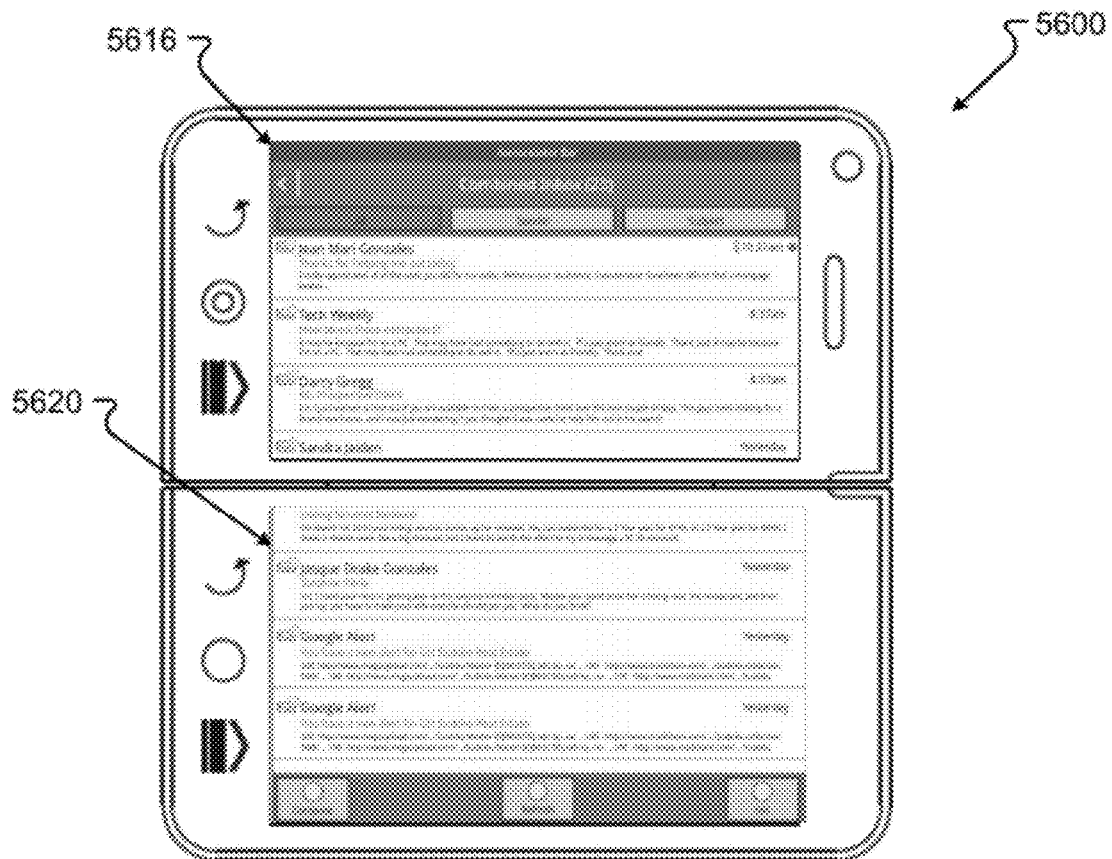


FIG. 56C

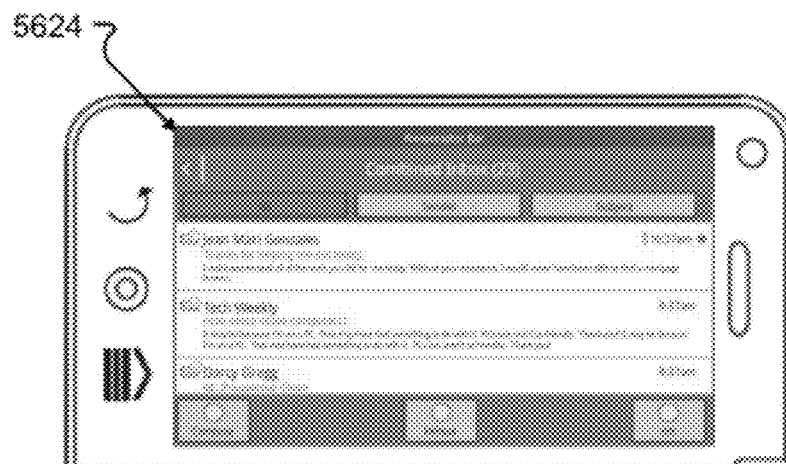


FIG. 56D

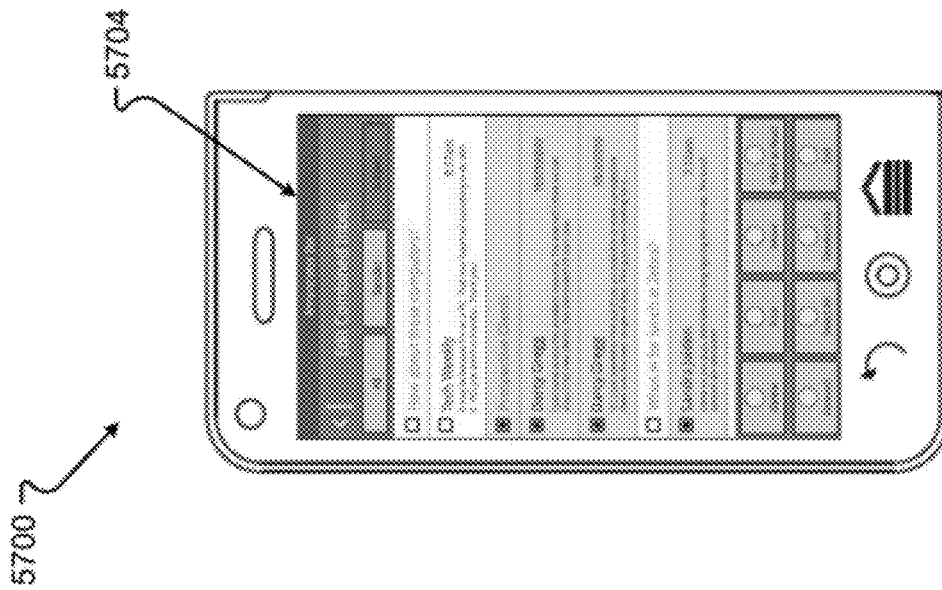


FIG. 57A

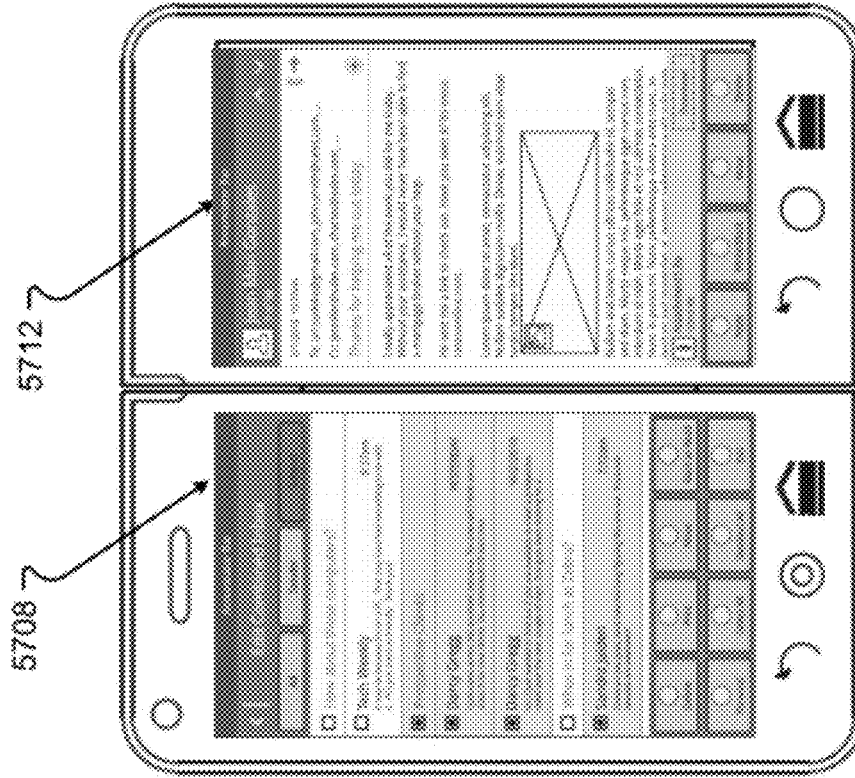


FIG. 57B

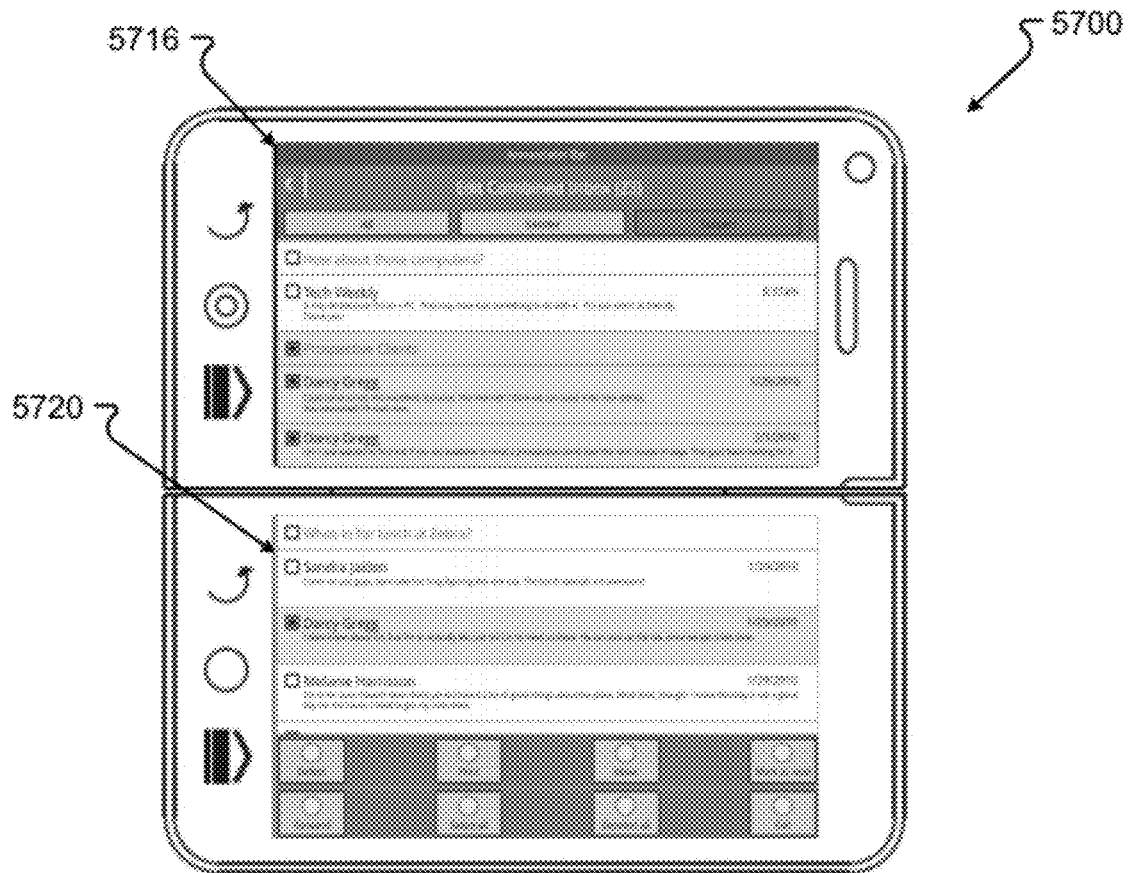


FIG. 57C

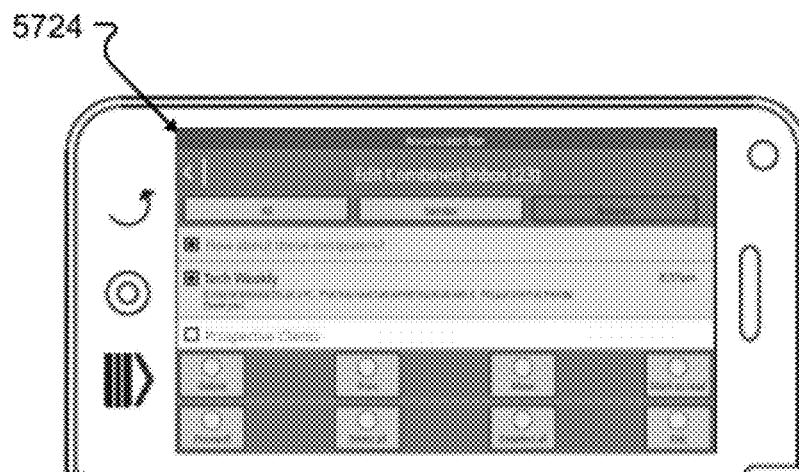


FIG. 57D

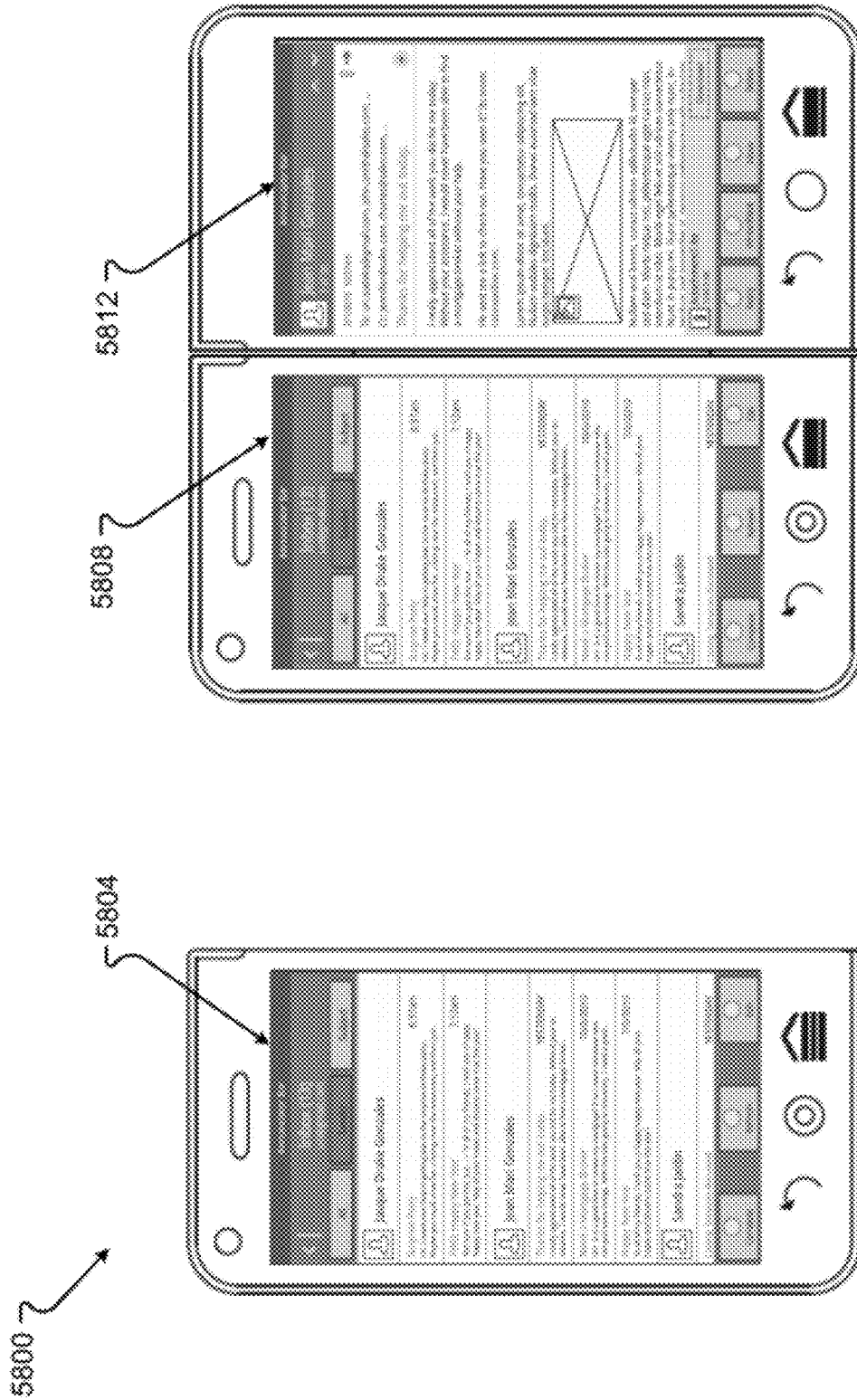


FIG. 58B

FIG. 58A

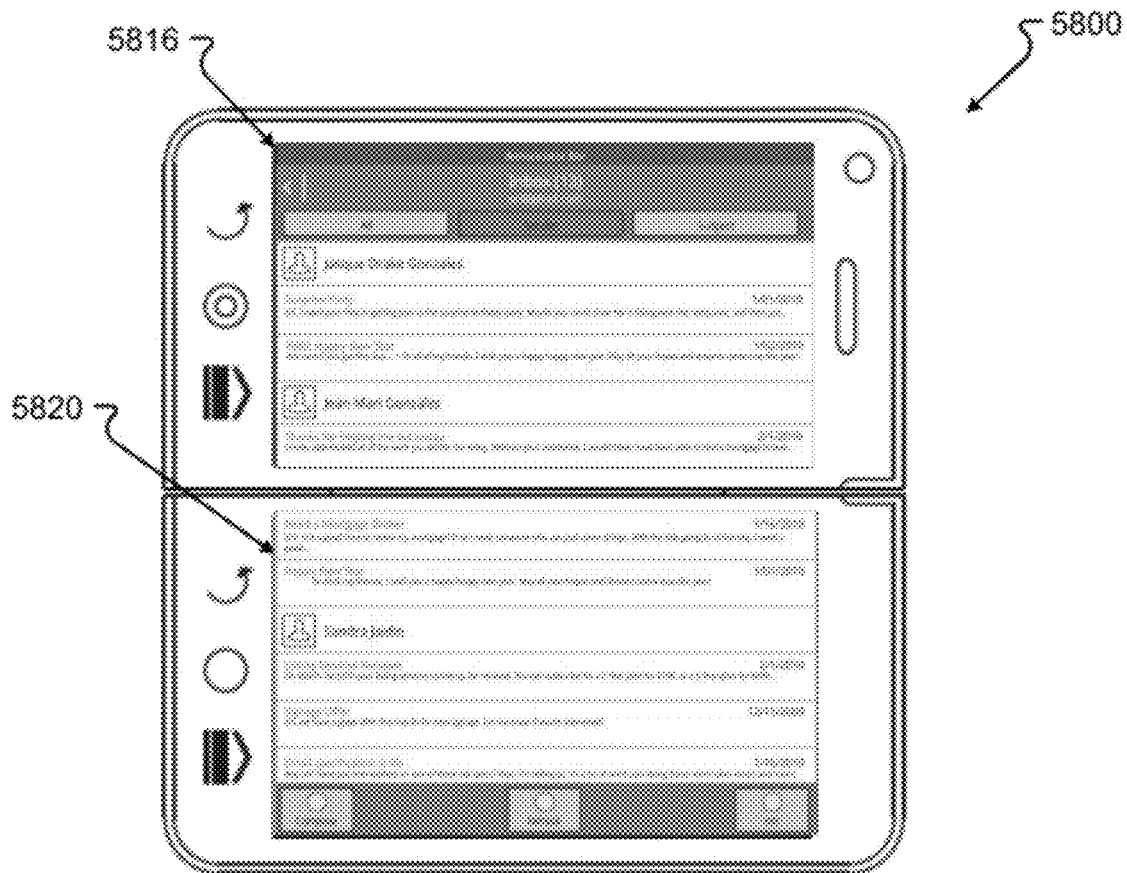


FIG. 58C

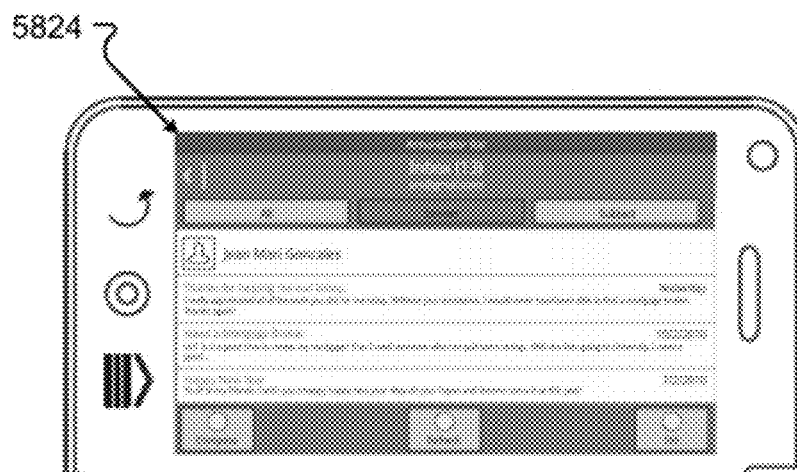


FIG. 58D

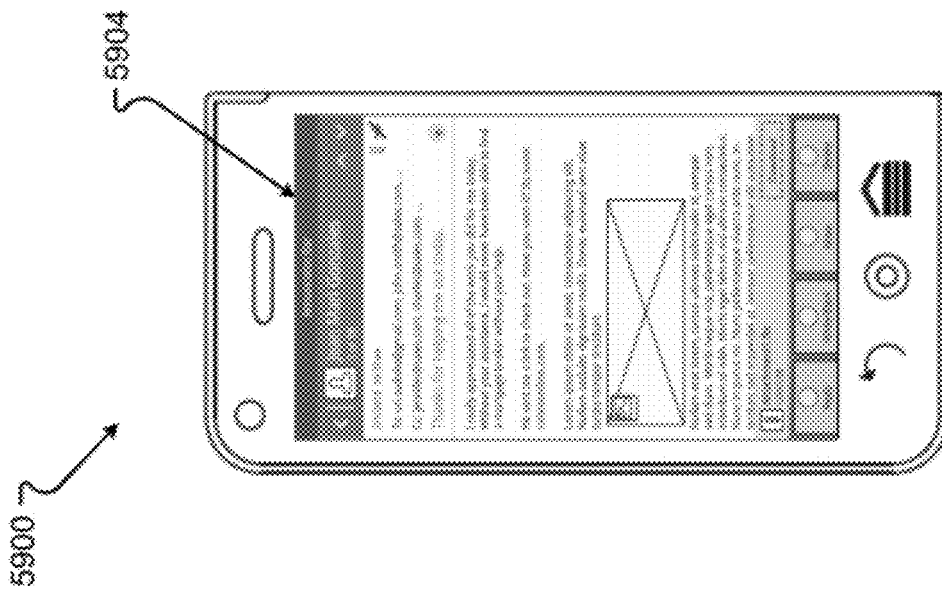


FIG. 59A

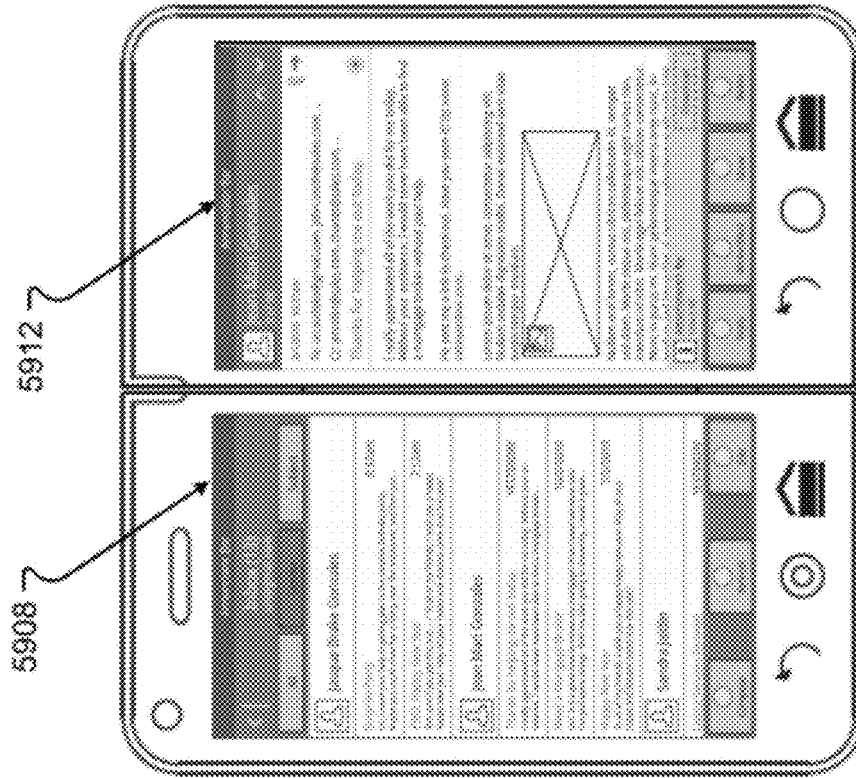


FIG. 59B

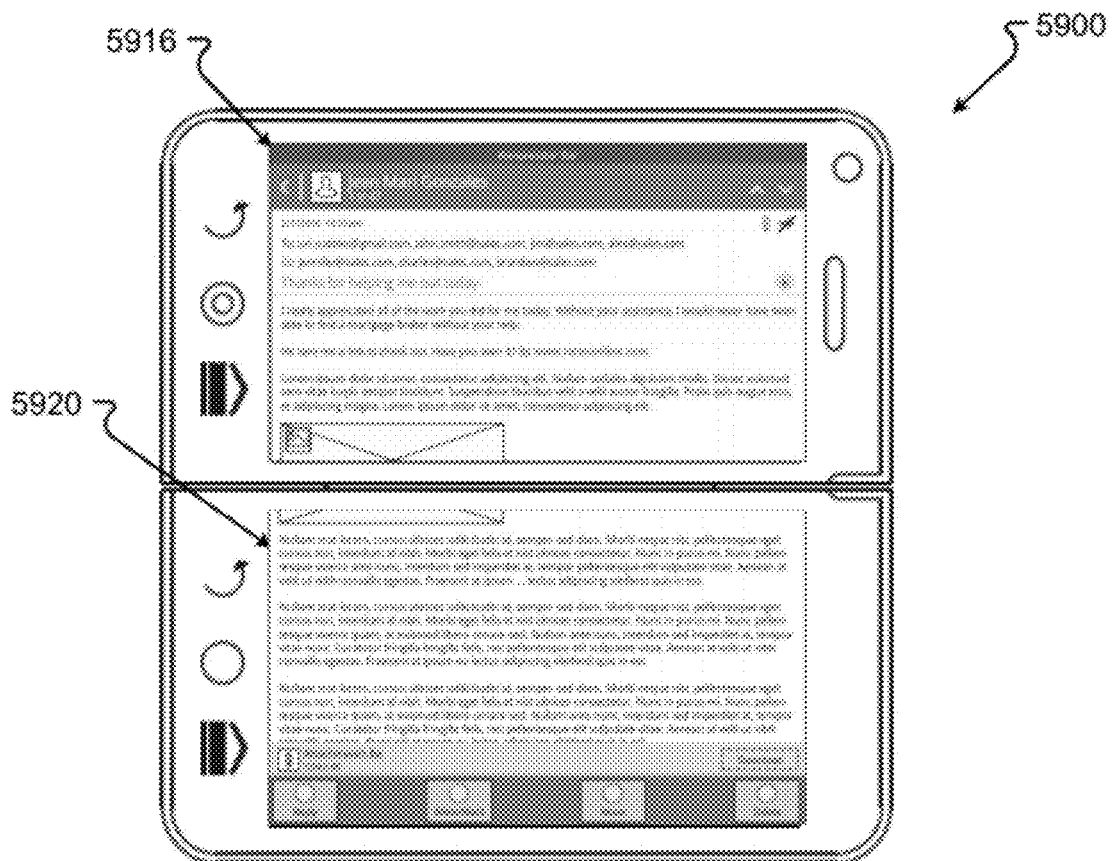


FIG. 59C

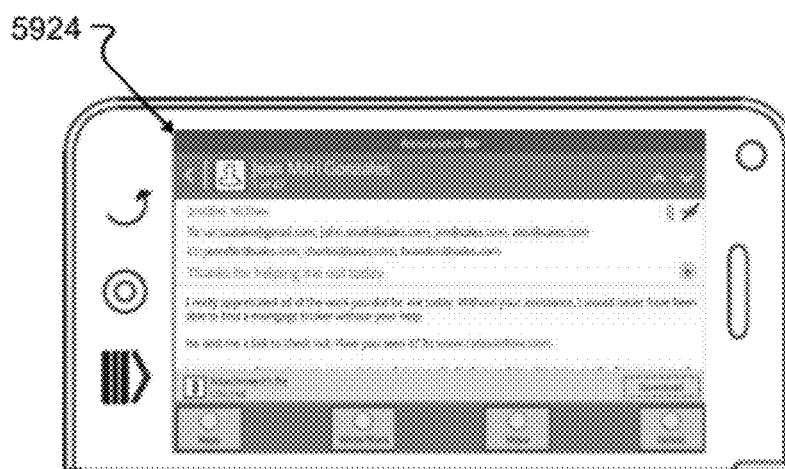


FIG. 59D

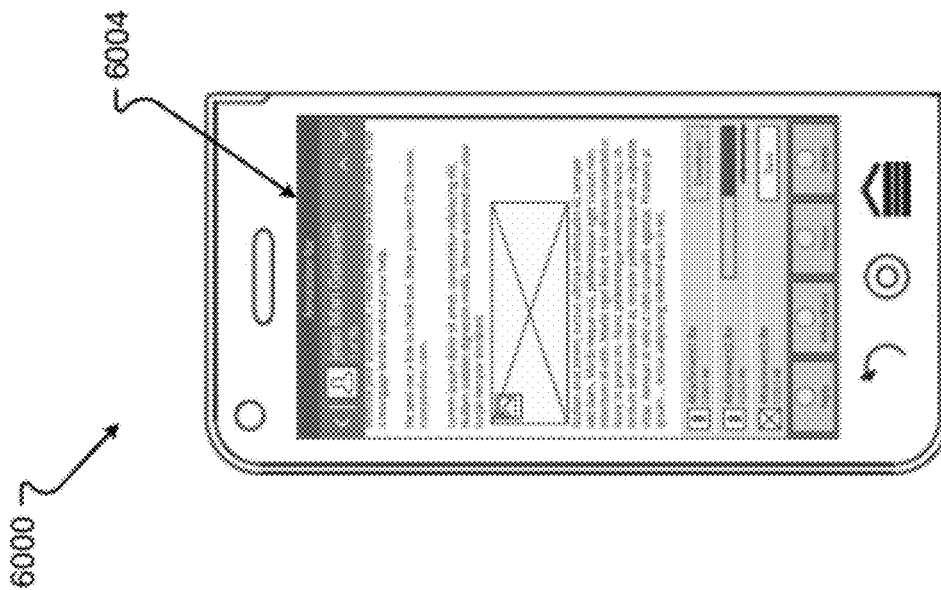


FIG. 60A

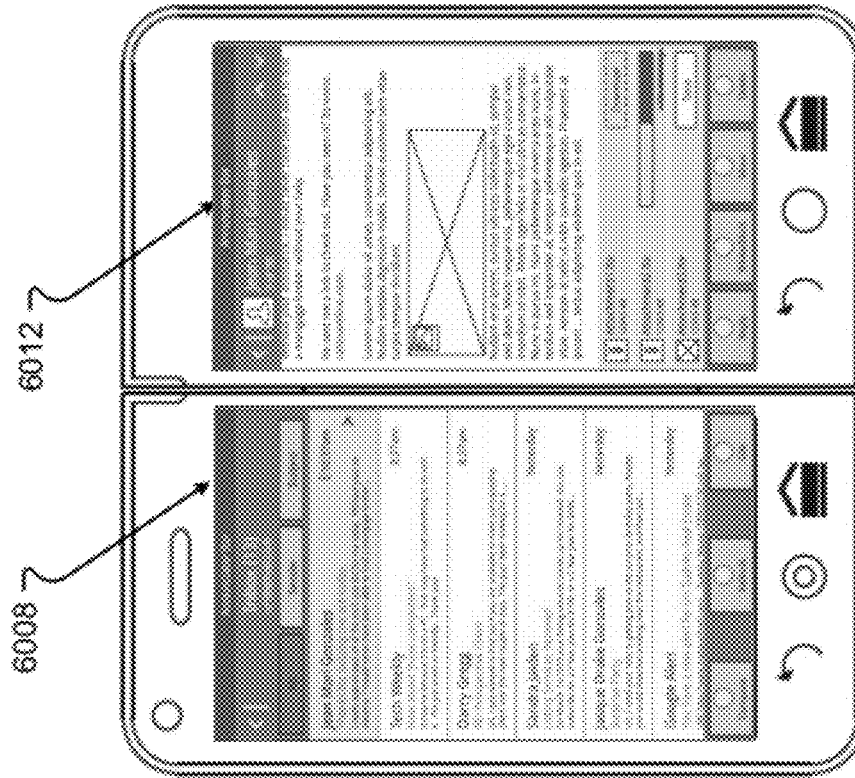


FIG. 60B

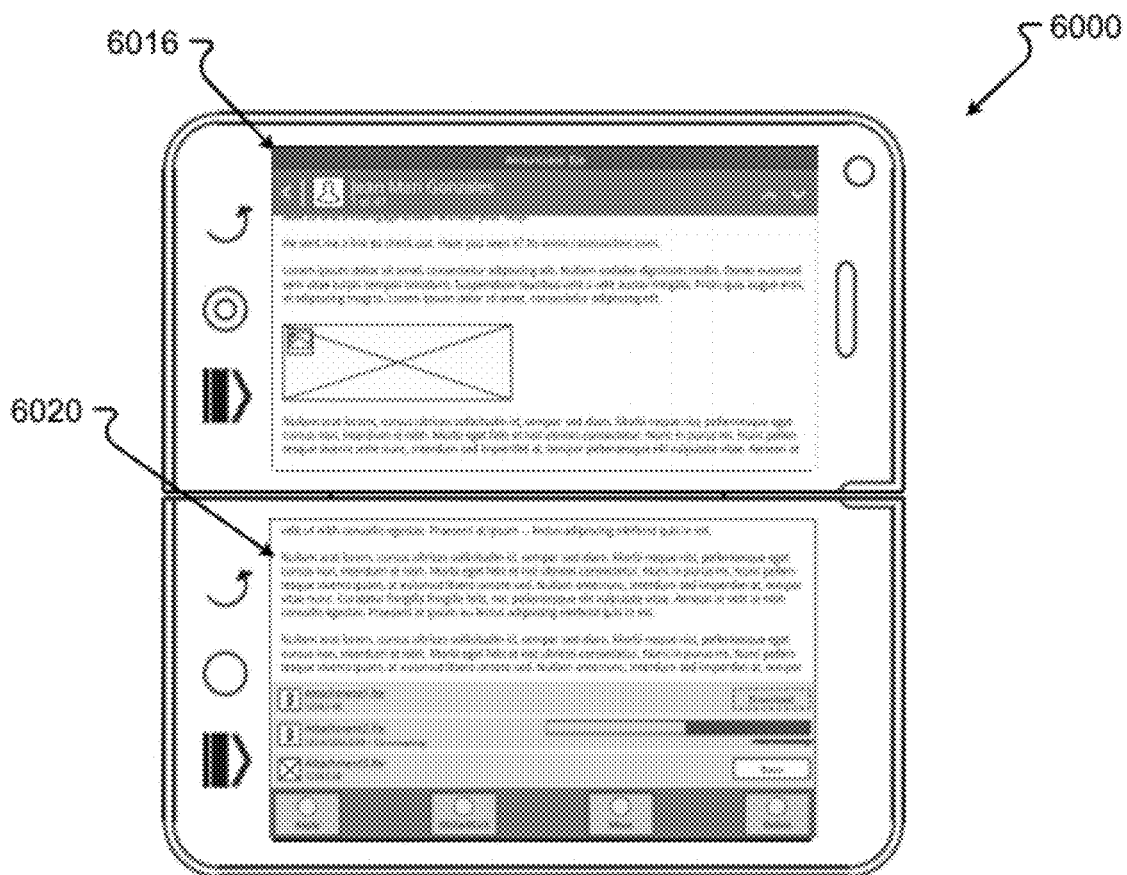


FIG. 60C

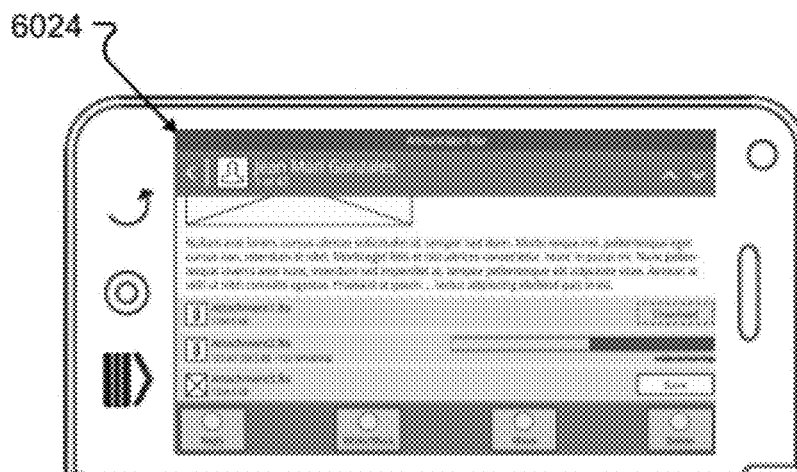


FIG. 60D

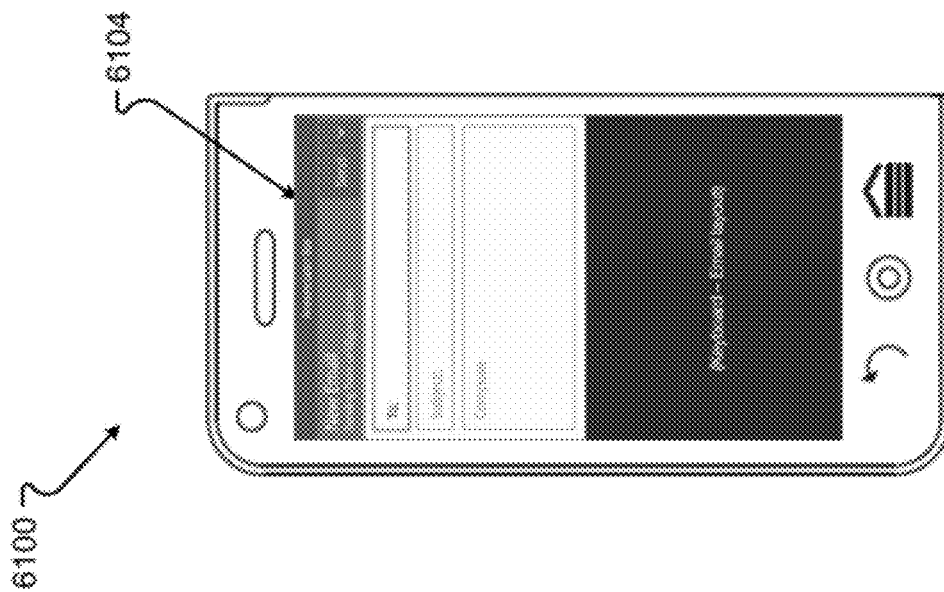


FIG. 610A

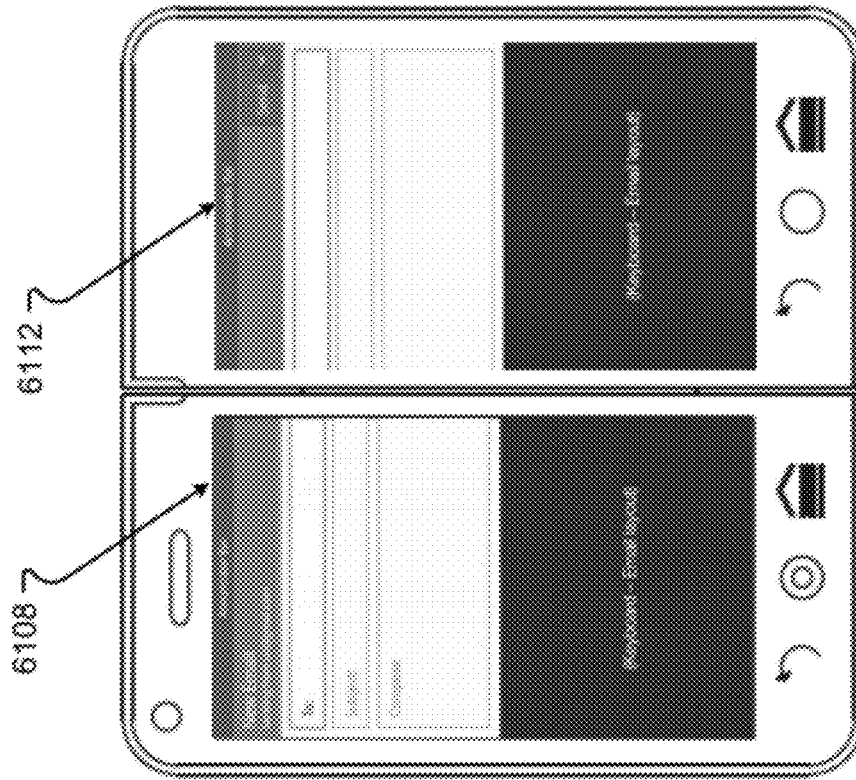


FIG. 610B

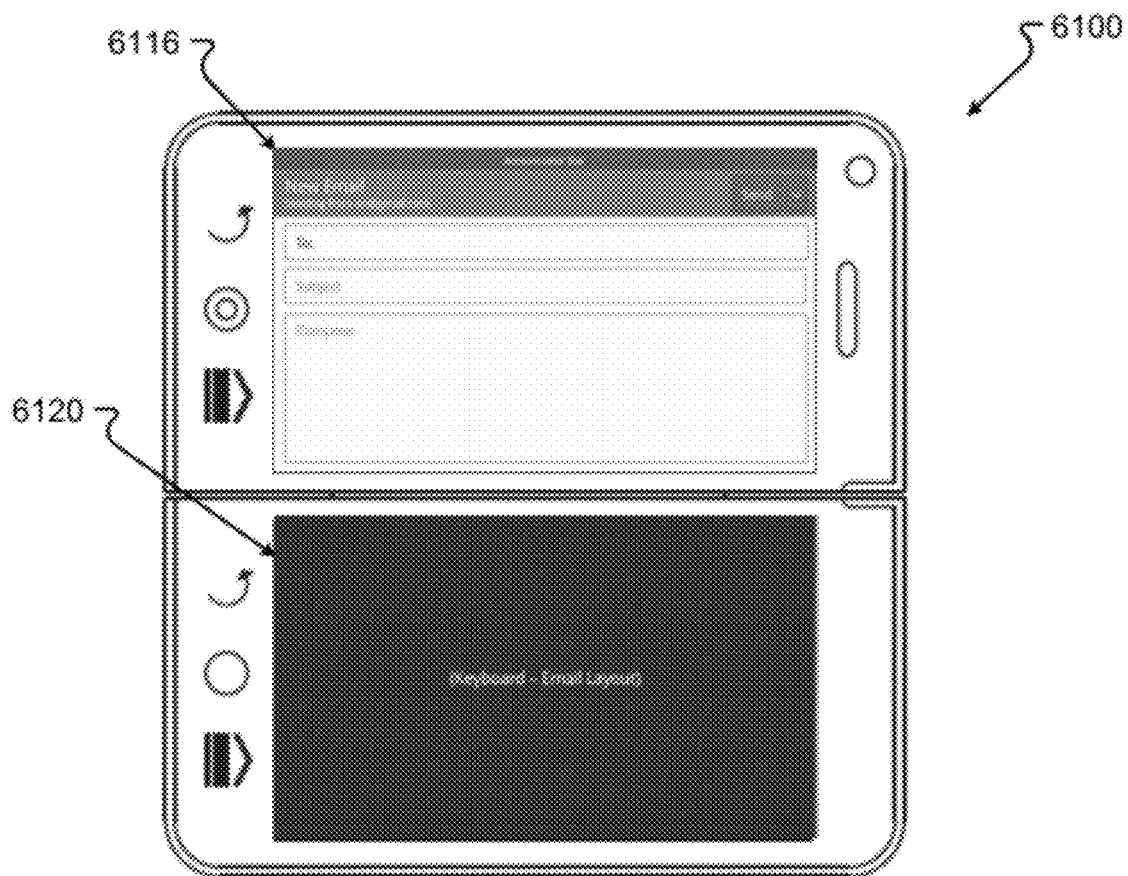


FIG. 61C

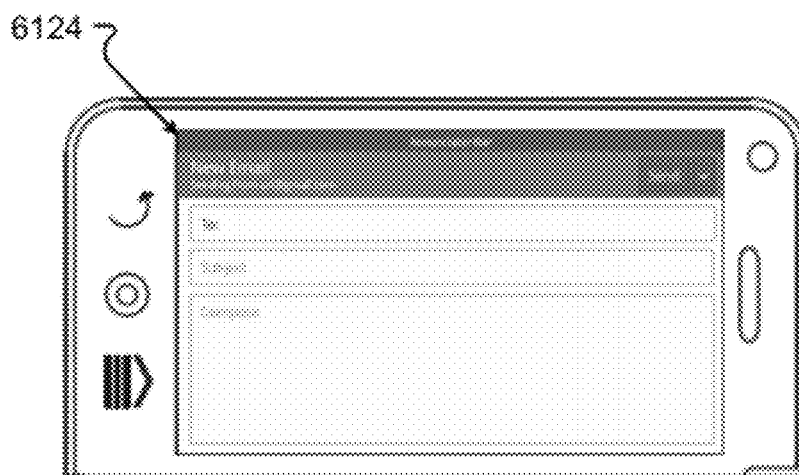


FIG. 61D

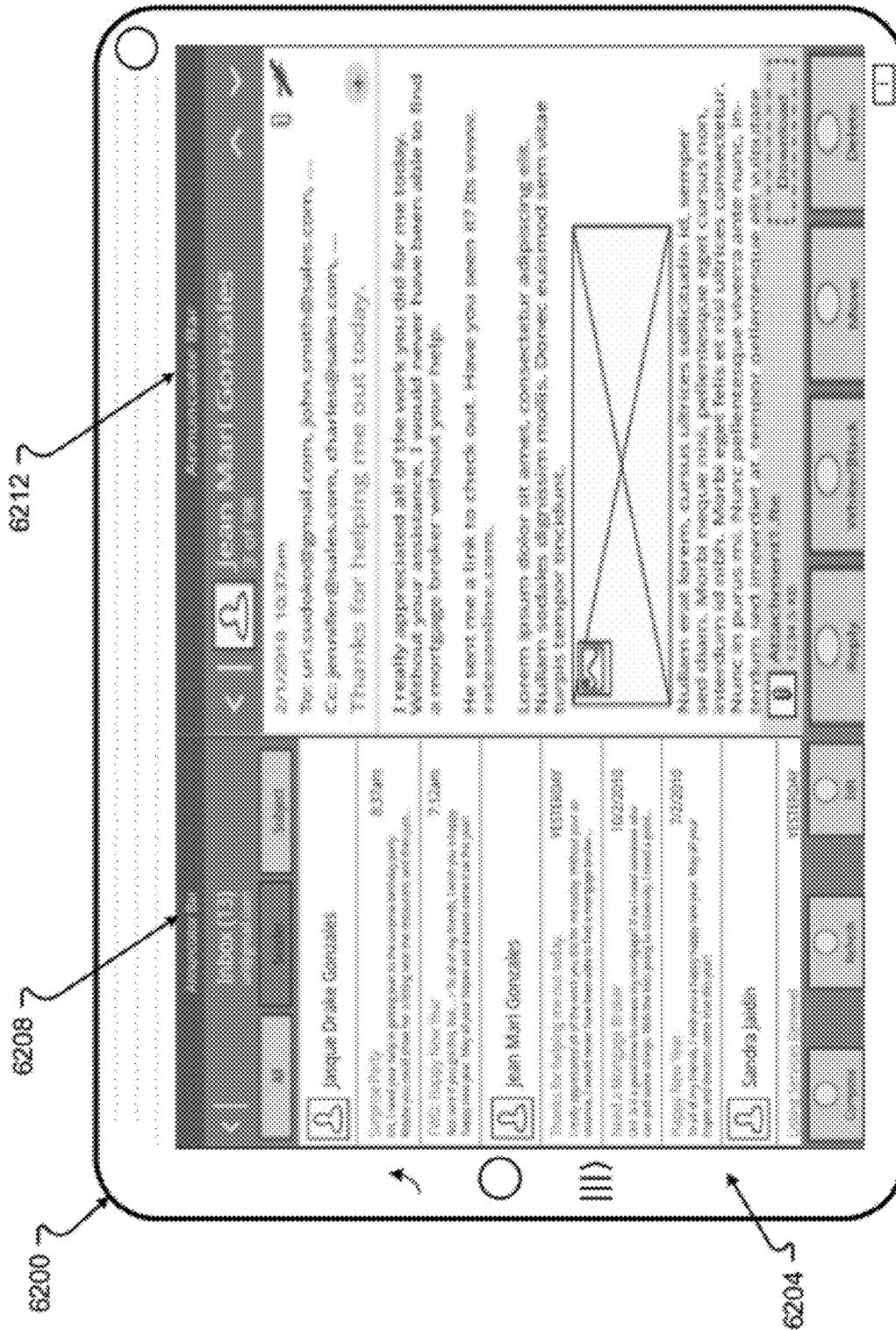


FIG. 62A

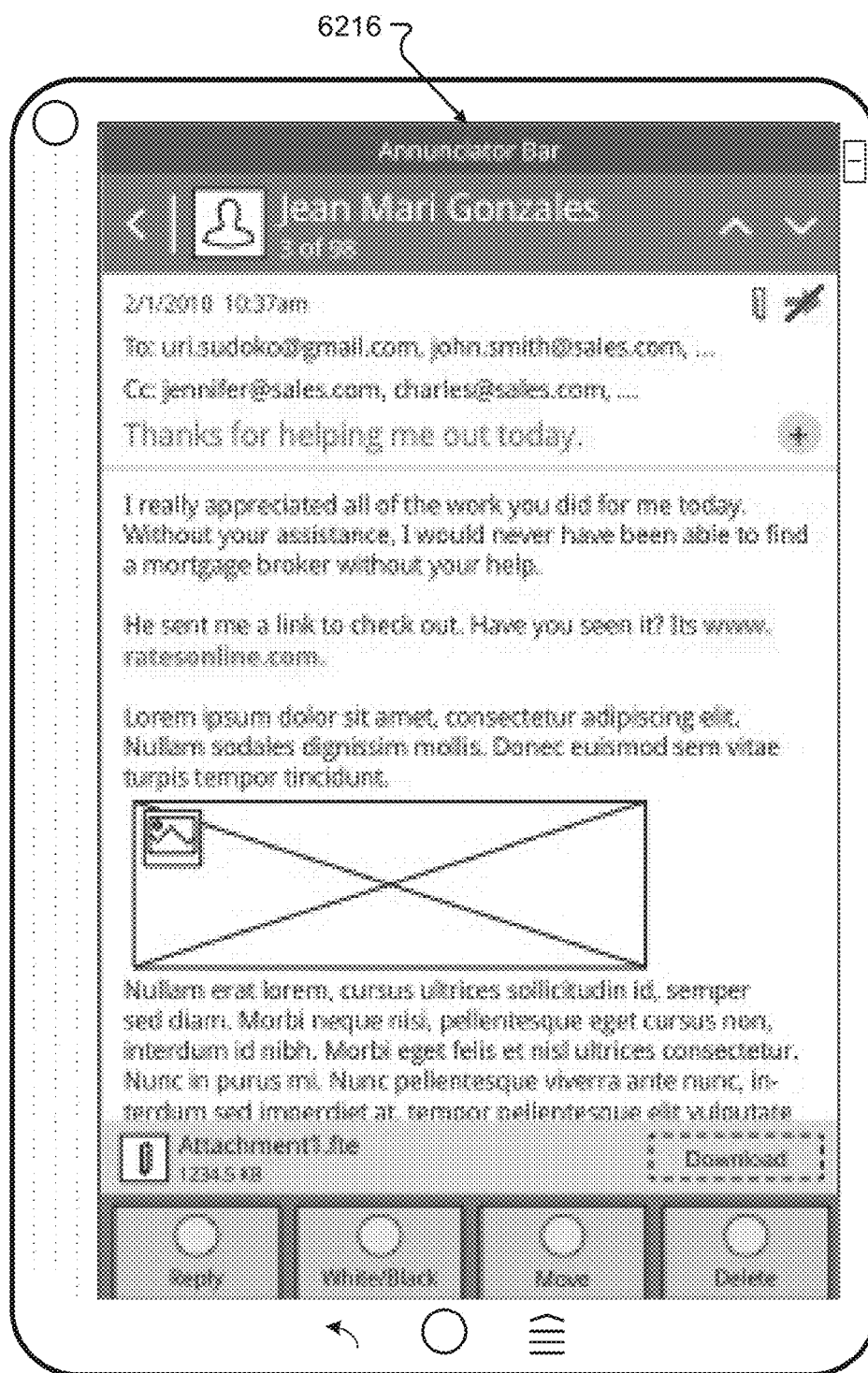


FIG. 62B

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EMAIL CLIENT DISPLAY TRANSITION**CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION**

The present application claims the benefits of and priority, under 35 U.S.C. §119(e), to U.S. Provisional Application Ser. Nos. 61/458,150, filed Nov. 17, 2010, entitled "DUAL SCREEN EMAIL CLIENT;" which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety for all that it teaches and for all purposes.

BACKGROUND

A substantial number of handheld computing devices, such as cellular phones, tablets, and E-Readers, make use of a touch screen display not only to deliver display information to the user but also to receive inputs from user interface commands. While touch screen displays may increase the configurability of the handheld device and provide a wide variety of user interface options, this flexibility typically comes at a price. The dual use of the touch screen to provide content and receive user commands, while flexible for the user, may obfuscate the display and cause visual clutter, thereby leading to user frustration and loss of productivity.

The small form factor of handheld computing devices requires a careful balancing between the displayed graphics and the area provided for receiving inputs. On the one hand, the small display constrains the display space, which may increase the difficulty of interpreting actions or results. On the other hand, a virtual keypad or other user interface scheme is superimposed on or positioned adjacent to an executing application, requiring the application to be squeezed into an even smaller portion of the display.

This balancing act is particularly difficult for single display touch screen devices. Single display touch screen devices are crippled by their limited screen space. When users are entering information into the device, through the single display, the ability to interpret information in the display can be severely hampered, particularly when a complex interaction between display and interface is required.

SUMMARY

There is a need for a dual multi-display handheld computing device that provides for enhanced power and/or versatility compared to conventional single display handheld computing devices. These and other needs are addressed by the various aspects, embodiments, and/or configurations of the present disclosure. Also, while the disclosure is presented in terms of exemplary embodiments, it should be appreciated that individual aspects of the disclosure can be separately claimed.

Additionally, it is desirable to have the multi-display device be dockable or otherwise associatable with an additional device. In accordance with one exemplary embodiment, the multi-display device is dockable with a smartpad. The exemplary smartpad can include a screen, a touch sensitive display, a configurable area, a gesture capture region(s), and a camera. The smartpad can also include a port adapted to receive the multi-display device. The exemplary smartpad is able to cooperate with the multi-display device such that information displayable on the multi-display device is also displayable on the smartpad. Furthermore, any one or more of the functions on the multi-display device are extendable to the smartpad, with the smartpad capable of acting as an input/output interface or extension of the smartpad. Therefore, for

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example, information from one or more of the displays on the multi-display device is displayable on the smartpad.

Further, the multi-display device can execute an email client application that can utilize the multiple screens to provide unique and user-friendly user interface combinations. Thus, depending on the mode of the email client application, the multi-display device can provide different user interface configurations. If the configuration of the device changes, the email client application can change its user interface to better adjust to the new device configuration.

Even further, the disclosure provides techniques directed toward translating or otherwise converting content for a multi-display device into content for a single screen device.

The email client user interface provides advantages of providing the best experience to the user based on various factors. Thus, depending on the device configuration and the application state, the email application can adjust. This flexibility allows for conveying information to the user in the most efficient and most easily understood manner.

The phrases "at least one", "one or more", and "and/or" are open-ended expressions that are both conjunctive and disjunctive in operation. For example, each of the expressions "at least one of A, B and C", "at least one of A, B, or C", "one or more of A, B, and C", "one or more of A, B, or C" and "A, B, and/or C" means A alone, B alone, C alone, A and B together, A and C together, B and C together, or A, B and C together.

The term "a" or "an" entity refers to one or more of that entity. As such, the terms "a" (or "an"), "one or more" and "at least one" can be used interchangeably herein. It is also to be noted that the terms "comprising", "including", and "having" can be used interchangeably.

The term "automatic" and variations thereof, as used herein, refers to any process or operation done without material human input when the process or operation is performed. However, a process or operation can be automatic, even though performance of the process or operation uses material or immaterial human input, if the input is received before performance of the process or operation. Human input is deemed to be material if such input influences how the process or operation will be performed. Human input that consents to the performance of the process or operation is not deemed to be "material".

The term "computer-readable medium" as used herein refers to any tangible storage and/or transmission medium that participate in providing instructions to a processor for execution. Such a medium may take many forms, including but not limited to, non-volatile media, volatile media, and transmission media. Non-volatile media includes, for example, NVRAM, or magnetic or optical disks. Volatile media includes dynamic memory, such as main memory. Common forms of computer-readable media include, for example, a floppy disk, a flexible disk, hard disk, magnetic tape, or any other magnetic medium, magneto-optical medium, a CD-ROM, any other optical medium, punch cards, paper tape, any other physical medium with patterns of holes, a RAM, a PROM, and EPROM, a FLASH-EPROM, a solid state medium like a memory card, any other memory chip or cartridge, a carrier wave as described hereinafter, or any other medium from which a computer can read. A digital file attachment to e-mail or other self-contained information archive or set of archives is considered a distribution medium equivalent to a tangible storage medium. When the computer-readable media is configured as a database, it is to be understood that the database may be any type of database, such as relational, hierarchical, object-oriented, and/or the like. Accordingly, the disclosure is considered to include a tangible storage

medium or distribution medium and prior art-recognized equivalents and successor media, in which the software implementations of the present disclosure are stored.

The term “desktop” refers to a metaphor used to portray systems. A desktop is generally considered a “surface” that typically includes pictures, called icons, widgets, folders, etc. that can activate show applications, windows, cabinets, files, folders, documents, and other graphical items. The icons are generally selectable to initiate a task through user interface interaction to allow a user to execute applications or conduct other operations.

The term “screen,” “touch screen,” or “touchscreen” refers to a physical structure that includes one or more hardware components that provide the device with the ability to render a user interface and/or receive user input. A screen can encompass any combination of gesture capture region, a touch sensitive display, and/or a configurable area. The device can have one or more physical screens embedded in the hardware. However a screen may also include an external peripheral device that may be attached and detached from the device. In embodiments, multiple external devices may be attached to the device. Thus, in embodiments, the screen can enable the user to interact with the device by touching areas on the screen and provides information to a user through a display. The touch screen may sense user contact in a number of different ways, such as by a change in an electrical parameter (e.g., resistance or capacitance), acoustic wave variations, infrared radiation proximity detection, light variation detection, and the like. In a resistive touch screen, for example, normally separated conductive and resistive metallic layers in the screen pass an electrical current. When a user touches the screen, the two layers make contact in the contacted location, whereby a change in electrical field is noted and the coordinates of the contacted location calculated. In a capacitive touch screen, a capacitive layer stores electrical charge, which is discharged to the user upon contact with the touch screen, causing a decrease in the charge of the capacitive layer. The decrease is measured, and the contacted location coordinates determined. In a surface acoustic wave touch screen, an acoustic wave is transmitted through the screen, and the acoustic wave is disturbed by user contact. A receiving transducer detects the user contact instance and determines the contacted location coordinates.

The term “display” refers to a portion of one or more screens used to display the output of a computer to a user. A display may be a single-screen display or a multi-screen display, referred to as a composite display. A composite display can encompass the touch sensitive display of one or more screens. A single physical screen can include multiple displays that are managed as separate logical displays. Thus, different content can be displayed on the separate displays although part of the same physical screen.

The term “displayed image” refers to an image produced on the display. A typical displayed image is a window or desktop. The displayed image may occupy all or a portion of the display.

The term “display orientation” refers to the way in which a rectangular display is oriented by a user for viewing. The two most common types of display orientation are portrait and landscape. In landscape mode, the display is oriented such that the width of the display is greater than the height of the display (such as a 4:3 ratio, which is 4 units wide and 3 units tall, or a 16:9 ratio, which is 16 units wide and 9 units tall). Stated differently, the longer dimension of the display is oriented substantially horizontal in landscape mode while the shorter dimension of the display is oriented substantially vertical. In the portrait mode, by contrast, the display is ori-

ented such that the width of the display is less than the height of the display. Stated differently, the shorter dimension of the display is oriented substantially horizontal in the portrait mode while the longer dimension of the display is oriented substantially vertical.

The term “composite display” refers to a logical structure that defines a display that can encompass one or more screens. A multi-screen display can be associated with a composite display that encompasses all the screens. The composite display can have different display characteristics based on the various orientations of the device.

The term “gesture” refers to a user action that expresses an intended idea, action, meaning, result, and/or outcome. The user action can include manipulating a device (e.g., opening or closing a device, changing a device orientation, moving a trackball or wheel, etc.), movement of a body part in relation to the device, movement of an implement or tool in relation to the device, audio inputs, etc. A gesture may be made on a device (such as on the screen) or with the device to interact with the device.

The term “module” as used herein refers to any known or later developed hardware, software, firmware, artificial intelligence, fuzzy logic, or combination of hardware and software that is capable of performing the functionality associated with that element.

The term “gesture capture” refers to a sense or otherwise a detection of an instance and/or type of user gesture. The gesture capture can occur in one or more areas of the screen. A gesture region can be on the display, where it may be referred to as a touch sensitive display or off the display where it may be referred to as a gesture capture area.

A “multi-screen application” or “multiple-display application” refers to an application that is capable of multiple modes. The multi-screen application mode can include, but is not limited to, a single screen mode (where the application is displayed on a single screen) or a composite display mode (where the application is displayed on two or more screens). A multi-screen application can have different layouts optimized for the mode. Thus, the multi-screen application can have different layouts for a single screen or for a composite display that can encompass two or more screens. The different layouts may have different screen/display dimensions and/or configurations on which the user interfaces of the multi-screen applications can be rendered. The different layouts allow the application to optimize the application’s user interface for the type of display, e.g., single screen or multiple screens. In single screen mode, the multi-screen application may present one window pane of information. In a composite display mode, the multi-screen application may present multiple window panes of information or may provide a larger and a richer presentation because there is more space for the display contents. The multi-screen applications may be designed to adapt dynamically to changes in the device and the mode depending on which display (single or composite) the system assigns to the multi-screen application. In alternative embodiments, the user can use a gesture to request the application transition to a different mode, and, if a display is available for the requested mode, the device can allow the application to move to that display and transition modes.

A “single-screen application” refers to an application that is capable of single screen mode. Thus, the single-screen application can produce only one window and may not be capable of different modes or different display dimensions. A single-screen application may not be capable of the several modes discussed with the multi-screen application.

The term “window” refers to a, typically rectangular, displayed image on at least part of a display that contains or

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provides content different from the rest of the screen. The window may obscure the desktop.

The terms “determine”, “calculate” and “compute,” and variations thereof, as used herein, are used interchangeably and include any type of methodology, process, mathematical operation or technique.

It shall be understood that the term “means” as used herein shall be given its broadest possible interpretation in accordance with 35 U.S.C., Section 112, Paragraph 6. Accordingly, a claim incorporating the term “means” shall cover all structures, materials, or acts set forth herein, and all of the equivalents thereof. Further, the structures, materials or acts and the equivalents thereof shall include all those described in the summary of the invention, brief description of the drawings, detailed description, abstract, and claims themselves.

The preceding is a simplified summary of the disclosure to provide an understanding of some aspects of the disclosure. This summary is neither an extensive nor exhaustive overview of the disclosure and its various aspects, embodiments, and/or configurations. It is intended neither to identify key or critical elements of the disclosure nor to delineate the scope of the disclosure but to present selected concepts of the disclosure in a simplified form as an introduction to the more detailed description presented below. As will be appreciated, other aspects, embodiments, and/or configurations of the disclosure are possible utilizing, alone or in combination, one or more of the features set forth above or described in detail below.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

FIG. 1A includes a first view of an embodiment of a multi-screen user device;

FIG. 1B includes a second view of an embodiment of a multi-screen user device;

FIG. 1C includes a third view of an embodiment of a multi-screen user device;

FIG. 1D includes a fourth view of an embodiment of a multi-screen user device;

FIG. 1E includes a fifth view of an embodiment of a multi-screen user device;

FIG. 1F includes a sixth view of an embodiment of a multi-screen user device;

FIG. 1G includes a seventh view of an embodiment of a multi-screen user device;

FIG. 1H includes a eighth view of an embodiment of a multi-screen user device;

FIG. 1I includes a ninth view of an embodiment of a multi-screen user device;

FIG. 1J includes a tenth view of an embodiment of a multi-screen user device;

FIG. 2 is a block diagram of an embodiment of the hardware of the device;

FIG. 3A is a block diagram of an embodiment of the state model for the device based on the device's orientation and/or configuration;

FIG. 3B is a table of an embodiment of the state model for the device based on the device's orientation and/or configuration;

FIG. 4A is a first representation of an embodiment of user gesture received at a device;

FIG. 4B is a second representation of an embodiment of user gesture received at a device;

FIG. 4C is a third representation of an embodiment of user gesture received at a device;

FIG. 4D is a fourth representation of an embodiment of user gesture received at a device;

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FIG. 4E is a fifth representation of an embodiment of user gesture received at a device;

FIG. 4F is a sixth representation of an embodiment of user gesture received at a device;

FIG. 4G is a seventh representation of an embodiment of user gesture received at a device;

FIG. 4H is a eighth representation of an embodiment of user gesture received at a device;

FIG. 5A is a block diagram of an embodiment of the device software and/or firmware;

FIG. 5B is a second block diagram of an embodiment of the device software and/or firmware;

FIG. 6A is a first representation of an embodiment of a device configuration generated in response to the device state;

FIG. 6B is a second representation of an embodiment of a device configuration generated in response to the device state;

FIG. 6C is a third representation of an embodiment of a device configuration generated in response to the device state;

FIG. 6D is a fourth representation of an embodiment of a device configuration generated in response to the device state;

FIG. 6E is a fifth representation of an embodiment of a device configuration generated in response to the device state;

FIG. 6F is a sixth representation of an embodiment of a device configuration generated in response to the device state;

FIG. 6G is a seventh representation of an embodiment of a device configuration generated in response to the device state;

FIG. 6H is a eighth representation of an embodiment of a device configuration generated in response to the device state;

FIG. 6I is a ninth representation of an embodiment of a device configuration generated in response to the device state;

FIG. 6J is a tenth representation of an embodiment of a device configuration generated in response to the device state;

FIG. 7A is representation of a logical window stack;

FIG. 7B is another representation of an embodiment of a logical window stack;

FIG. 7C is another representation of an embodiment of a logical window stack;

FIG. 7D is another representation of an embodiment of a logical window stack;

FIG. 7E is another representation of an embodiment of a logical window stack;

FIG. 8 is block diagram of an embodiment of a logical data structure for a window stack;

FIG. 9 is a flow chart of an embodiment of a method for creating a window stack;

FIG. 10 illustrates an exemplary smartpad (SP).

FIG. 11 illustrates an exemplary method of associating the smartpad with the device.

FIG. 12 illustrates a docked device with the smartpad.

FIGS. 13A-13B illustrate an exemplary method for screen orientation.

FIG. 14 illustrates a method for displaying an application when the SP is in a portrait mode.

FIG. 15 illustrates a method for displaying an application when the SP is in a landscape mode.

FIG. 16 illustrates an example of a dual screen application in portrait max mode.

FIG. 17 illustrates an example of a dual screen application in max mode landscape.

FIG. 18 illustrates an example of keyboard management on the SP.

FIG. 19 illustrates an example of keyboard management on the SP with an application area in max mode.

FIG. 20 illustrates another example of keyboard management for the SP in landscape mode.

FIG. 21 illustrates an example of a dual screen application running in a dual screen emulation mode on the SP with a virtual keyboard.

FIG. 22 illustrates an example of application window stack management on the SP.

FIG. 23 illustrates another example of application window stack management on the SP.

FIG. 24 illustrates an example of multi application mode of the SP, wherein in the multi application mode the SP emulates the device in its mini-tablet form.

FIG. 25 illustrates another example of multi application mode of the SP.

FIG. 26 illustrates another example of multi application mode of the SP.

FIG. 27 illustrates another example of multi application mode of the SP.

FIG. 28 illustrates a method for managing screen display.

FIG. 29 illustrates an exemplary method for managing screen display with the desktop.

FIG. 30 illustrates an exemplary method of managing screen display with a keyboard.

FIGS. 31A and 31B illustrate desktop management on the SP.

FIGS. 32A and 32 B illustrate exemplary methods for desktop panel management.

FIG. 33 illustrates exemplary notification management on the SP.

FIGS. 34A and 34B illustrate exemplary techniques for application management.

FIGS. 35A and 35B illustrate an exemplary method for providing desktop previews or hints.

FIG. 36 illustrates an exemplary carousel application window stack.

FIG. 37 illustrates an exemplary carousel application window stack with a virtual keyboard.

FIG. 38 illustrates an exemplary method for associating the device and the SP.

FIG. 39 illustrates an exemplary method for application reorientation based on SP orientation.

FIG. 40 illustrates an exemplary method for managing the keyboard on the SP.

FIG. 41 illustrates an exemplary method for window manipulation based on one or more gestures.

FIG. 42 illustrates an exemplary method for application highlighting when an application is in focus in multi application mode.

FIG. 43 illustrates an exemplary method for application maximization.

FIG. 44 illustrates an exemplary method for transitioning from an application window to the desktop.

FIG. 45 illustrates an exemplary method for managing the display of the desktop and/or one or more panels on the SP.

FIG. 46 illustrates an exemplary method for merging panels for display on the SP.

FIG. 47 illustrates an exemplary method for previewing one or more panels on the SP.

FIG. 48 illustrates an exemplary method for stack management in multi application mode.

FIG. 49 illustrates an exemplary method for managing the display of an email client application based on application mode and device configuration.

FIG. 50 illustrates an exemplary user interface for an email client application.

FIG. 51 illustrates an exemplary diagram of the possible application modes for an email client application.

FIG. 52A illustrates an exemplary user interface for a mode of the email application.

FIG. 52B illustrates an exemplary user interface for a mode of the email application.

FIG. 52C illustrates an exemplary user interface for a mode of the email application.

FIG. 52D illustrates an exemplary user interface for a mode of the email application.

FIG. 53A illustrates an exemplary user interface for a mode of the email application.

FIG. 53B illustrates an exemplary user interface for a mode of the email application.

FIG. 53C illustrates an exemplary user interface for a mode of the email application.

FIG. 53D illustrates an exemplary user interface for a mode of the email application.

FIG. 54A illustrates an exemplary user interface for a mode of the email application.

FIG. 54B illustrates an exemplary user interface for a mode of the email application.

FIG. 54C illustrates an exemplary user interface for a mode of the email application.

FIG. 54D illustrates an exemplary user interface for a mode of the email application.

FIG. 55A illustrates an exemplary user interface for a mode of the email application.

FIG. 55B illustrates an exemplary user interface for a mode of the email application.

FIG. 55C illustrates an exemplary user interface for a mode of the email application.

FIG. 55D illustrates an exemplary user interface for a mode of the email application.

FIG. 56A illustrates an exemplary user interface for a mode of the email application.

FIG. 56B illustrates an exemplary user interface for a mode of the email application.

FIG. 56C illustrates an exemplary user interface for a mode of the email application.

FIG. 56D illustrates an exemplary user interface for a mode of the email application.

FIG. 57A illustrates an exemplary user interface for a mode of the email application.

FIG. 57B illustrates an exemplary user interface for a mode of the email application.

FIG. 57C illustrates an exemplary user interface for a mode of the email application.

FIG. 57D illustrates an exemplary user interface for a mode of the email application.

FIG. 58A illustrates an exemplary user interface for a mode of the email application.

FIG. 58B illustrates an exemplary user interface for a mode of the email application.

FIG. 58C illustrates an exemplary user interface for a mode of the email application.

FIG. 58D illustrates an exemplary user interface for a mode of the email application.

FIG. 59A illustrates an exemplary user interface for a mode of the email application.

FIG. 59B illustrates an exemplary user interface for a mode of the email application.

FIG. 59C illustrates an exemplary user interface for a mode of the email application.

FIG. 59D illustrates an exemplary user interface for a mode of the email application.

FIG. 60A illustrates an exemplary user interface for a mode of the email application.

FIG. 60B illustrates an exemplary user interface for a mode of the email application.

FIG. 60C illustrates an exemplary user interface for a mode of the email application.

FIG. 60D illustrates an exemplary user interface for a mode of the email application.

FIG. 61A illustrates an exemplary user interface for a mode of the email application.

FIG. 61B illustrates an exemplary user interface for a mode of the email application.

FIG. 61C illustrates an exemplary user interface for a mode of the email application.

FIG. 61D illustrates an exemplary user interface for a mode of the email application.

FIG. 62A illustrates an exemplary user interface for a mode of the email application.

FIG. 62B illustrates an exemplary user interface for a mode of the email application.

In the appended figures, similar components and/or features may have the same reference label. Further, various components of the same type may be distinguished by following the reference label by a letter that distinguishes among the similar components. If only the first reference label is used in the specification, the description is applicable to any one of the similar components having the same first reference label irrespective of the second reference label.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Presented herein are embodiments of a device. The device can be a communications device, such as a cellular telephone, or other smart device. The device can include two screens that are oriented to provide several unique display configurations. Further, the device can receive user input in unique ways. The overall design and functionality of the device provides for an enhanced user experience making the device more useful and more efficient.

Mechanical Features:

FIGS. 1A-1J illustrate a device 100 in accordance with embodiments of the present disclosure. As described in greater detail below, device 100 can be positioned in a number of different ways each of which provides different functionality to a user. The device 100 is a multi-screen device that includes a primary screen 104 and a secondary screen 108, both of which are touch sensitive. In embodiments, the entire front surface of screens 104 and 108 may be touch sensitive and capable of receiving input by a user touching the front surface of the screens 104 and 108. Primary screen 104 includes touch sensitive display 110, which, in addition to being touch sensitive, also displays information to a user. Secondary screen 108 includes touch sensitive display 114, which also displays information to a user. In other embodiments, screens 104 and 108 may include more than one display area.

Primary screen 104 also includes a configurable area 112 that has been configured for specific inputs when the user touches portions of the configurable area 112. Secondary screen 108 also includes a configurable area 116 that has been configured for specific inputs. Areas 112a and 116a have been configured to receive a “back” input indicating that a user would like to view information previously displayed. Areas 112b and 116b have been configured to receive a “menu” input indicating that the user would like to view options from a menu. Areas 112c and 116c have been configured to receive a “home” input indicating that the user would like to view information associated with a “home” view. In other embodiments, areas 112a-c and 116a-c may be configured, in addition to the configurations described above, for other types of specific inputs including controlling features of device 100,

some non-limiting examples including adjusting overall system power, adjusting the volume, adjusting the brightness, adjusting the vibration, selecting of displayed items (on either of screen 104 or 108), operating a camera, operating a microphone, and initiating/terminating of telephone calls. Also, in some embodiments, areas 112a-c and 116a-c may be configured for specific inputs depending upon the application running on device 100 and/or information displayed on touch sensitive displays 110 and/or 114.

In addition to touch sensing, primary screen 104 and secondary screen 108 may also include areas that receive input from a user without requiring the user to touch the display area of the screen. For example, primary screen 104 includes gesture capture area 120, and secondary screen 108 includes gesture capture area 124. These areas are able to receive input by recognizing gestures made by a user without the need for the user to actually touch the surface of the display area. In comparison to touch sensitive displays 110 and 114, the gesture capture areas 120 and 124 are commonly not capable of rendering a displayed image.

The two screens 104 and 108 are connected together with a hinge 128, shown clearly in FIG. 1C (illustrating a back view of device 100). Hinge 128, in the embodiment shown in FIGS. 1A-1J, is a center hinge that connects screens 104 and 108 so that when the hinge is closed, screens 104 and 108 are juxtaposed (i.e., side-by-side) as shown in FIG. 1B (illustrating a front view of device 100). Hinge 128 can be opened to position the two screens 104 and 108 in different relative positions to each other. As described in greater detail below, the device 100 may have different functionalities depending on the relative positions of screens 104 and 108.

FIG. 1D illustrates the right side of device 100. As shown in FIG. 1D, secondary screen 108 also includes a card slot 132 and a port 136 on its side. Card slot 132 in embodiments, accommodates different types of cards including a subscriber identity module (SIM). Port 136 in embodiments is an input/output port (I/O port) that allows device 100 to be connected to other peripheral devices, such as a display, keyboard, or printing device. As can be appreciated, these are merely some examples and in other embodiments device 100 may include other slots and ports such as slots and ports for accommodating additional memory devices and/or for connecting other peripheral devices. Also shown in FIG. 1D is an audio jack 140 that accommodates a tip, ring, sleeve (TRS) connector for example to allow a user to utilize headphones or a headset.

Device 100 also includes a number of buttons 158. For example, FIG. 1E illustrates the left side of device 100. As shown in FIG. 1E, the side of primary screen 104 includes three buttons 144, 148, and 152, which can be configured for specific inputs. For example, buttons 144, 148, and 152 may be configured to, in combination or alone, control a number of aspects of device 100. Some non-limiting examples include overall system power, volume, brightness, vibration, selection of displayed items (on either of screen 104 or 108), a camera, a microphone, and initiation/termination of telephone calls. In some embodiments, instead of separate buttons two buttons may be combined into a rocker button. This arrangement is useful in situations where the buttons are configured to control features such as volume or brightness. In addition to buttons 144, 148, and 152, device 100 also includes a button 156, shown in FIG. 1F, which illustrates the top of device 100. In one embodiment, button 156 is configured as an on/off button used to control overall system power to device 100. In other embodiments, button 156 is configured to, in addition to or in lieu of controlling system power, control other aspects of device 100. In some embodiments, one or more of the buttons 144, 148, 152, and 156 are capable

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of supporting different user commands. By way of example, a normal press has a duration commonly of less than about 1 second and resembles a quick tap. A medium press has a duration commonly of 1 second or more but less than about 12 seconds. A long press has a duration commonly of about 12 seconds or more. The function of the buttons is normally specific to the application that is currently in focus on the respective display **110** and **114**. In a telephone application for instance and depending on the particular button, a normal, medium, or long press can mean end call, increase in call volume, decrease in call volume, and toggle microphone mute. In a camera or video application for instance and depending on the particular button, a normal, medium, or long press can mean increase zoom, decrease zoom, and take photograph or record video.

There are also a number of hardware components within device **100**. As illustrated in FIG. 1C, device **100** includes a speaker **160** and a microphone **164**. Device **100** also includes a camera **168** (FIG. 1B). Additionally, device **100** includes two position sensors **172A** and **172B**, which are used to determine the relative positions of screens **104** and **108**. In one embodiment, position sensors **172A** and **172B** are Hall effect sensors. However, in other embodiments other sensors can be used in addition to or in lieu of the Hall effect sensors. An accelerometer **176** may also be included as part of device **100** to determine the orientation of the device **100** and/or the orientation of screens **104** and **108**. Additional internal hardware components that may be included in device **100** are described below with respect to FIG. 2.

The overall design of device **100** allows it to provide additional functionality not available in other communication devices. Some of the functionality is based on the various positions and orientations that device **100** can have. As shown in FIGS. 1B-1G, device **100** can be operated in an “open” position where screens **104** and **108** are juxtaposed. This position allows a large display area for displaying information to a user. When position sensors **172A** and **172B** determine that device **100** is in the open position, they can generate a signal that can be used to trigger different events such as displaying information on both screens **104** and **108**. Additional events may be triggered if accelerometer **176** determines that device **100** is in a portrait position (FIG. 1B) as opposed to a landscape position (not shown).

In addition to the open position, device **100** may also have a “closed” position illustrated in FIG. 1H. Again, position sensors **172A** and **172B** can generate a signal indicating that device **100** is in the “closed” position. This can trigger an event that results in a change of displayed information on screen **104** and/or **108**. For example, device **100** may be programmed to stop displaying information on one of the screens, e.g., screen **108**, since a user can only view one screen at a time when device **100** is in the “closed” position. In other embodiments, the signal generated by position sensors **172A** and **172B**, indicating that the device **100** is in the “closed” position, can trigger device **100** to answer an incoming telephone call. The “closed” position can also be a preferred position for utilizing the device **100** as a mobile phone.

Device **100** can also be used in an “easel” position which is illustrated in FIG. 1I. In the “easel” position, screens **104** and **108** are angled with respect to each other and facing outward with the edges of screens **104** and **108** substantially horizontal. In this position, device **100** can be configured to display information on both screens **104** and **108** to allow two users to simultaneously interact with device **100**. When device **100** is in the “easel” position, sensors **172A** and **172B** generate a signal indicating that the screens **104** and **108** are positioned at an angle to each other, and the accelerometer **176** can

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generate a signal indicating that device **100** has been placed so that the edge of screens **104** and **108** are substantially horizontal. The signals can then be used in combination to generate events that trigger changes in the display of information on screens **104** and **108**.

FIG. 1J illustrates device **100** in a “modified easel” position. In the “modified easel” position, one of screens **104** or **108** is used as a stand and is faced down on the surface of an object such as a table. This position provides a convenient way for information to be displayed to a user in landscape orientation. Similar to the easel position, when device **100** is in the “modified easel” position, position sensors **172A** and **172B** generate a signal indicating that the screens **104** and **108** are positioned at an angle to each other. The accelerometer **176** would generate a signal indicating that device **100** has been positioned so that one of screens **104** and **108** is faced downwardly and is substantially horizontal. The signals can then be used to generate events that trigger changes in the display of information of screens **104** and **108**. For example, information may not be displayed on the screen that is face down since a user cannot see the screen.

Transitional states are also possible. When the position sensors **172A** and **B** and/or accelerometer indicate that the screens are being closed or folded (from open), a closing transitional state is recognized. Conversely when the position sensors **172A** and **B** indicate that the screens are being opened or folded (from closed), an opening transitional state is recognized. The closing and opening transitional states are typically time-based, or have a maximum time duration from a sensed starting point. Normally, no user input is possible when one of the closing and opening states is in effect. In this manner, incidental user contact with a screen during the closing or opening function is not misinterpreted as user input. In embodiments, another transitional state is possible when the device **100** is closed. This additional transitional state allows the display to switch from one screen **104** to the second screen **108** when the device **100** is closed based on some user input, e.g., a double tap on the screen **110, 114**.

As can be appreciated, the description of device **100** is made for illustrative purposes only, and the embodiments are not limited to the specific mechanical features shown in FIGS. 1A-1J and described above. In other embodiments, device **100** may include additional features, including one or more additional buttons, slots, display areas, hinges, and/or locking mechanisms. Additionally, in embodiments, the features described above may be located in different parts of device **100** and still provide similar functionality. Therefore, FIGS. 1A-1J and the description provided above are nonlimiting.

Hardware Features:

FIG. 2 illustrates components of a device **100** in accordance with embodiments of the present disclosure. In general, the device **100** includes a primary screen **104** and a secondary screen **108**. While the primary screen **104** and its components are normally enabled in both the opened and closed positions or states, the secondary screen **108** and its components are normally enabled in the opened state but disabled in the closed state. However, even when in the closed state a user or application triggered interrupt (such as in response to a phone application or camera application operation) can flip the active screen, or disable the primary screen **104** and enable the secondary screen **108**, by a suitable command. Each screen **104, 108** can be touch sensitive and can include different operative areas. For example, a first operative area, within each touch sensitive screen **104** and **108**, may comprise a touch sensitive display **110, 114**. In general, the touch sensitive display **110, 114** may comprise a full color, touch

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sensitive display. A second area within each touch sensitive screen **104** and **108** may comprise a gesture capture region **120**, **124**. The gesture capture region **120**, **124** may comprise an area or region that is outside of the touch sensitive display **110**, **114** area, and that is capable of receiving input, for example in the form of gestures provided by a user. However, the gesture capture region **120**, **124** does not include pixels that can perform a display function or capability.

A third region of the touch sensitive screens **104** and **108** may comprise a configurable area **112**, **116**. The configurable area **112**, **116** is capable of receiving input and has display or limited display capabilities. In embodiments, the configurable area **112**, **116** may present different input options to the user. For example, the configurable area **112**, **116** may display buttons or other relatable items. Moreover, the identity of displayed buttons, or whether any buttons are displayed at all within the configurable area **112**, **116** of a touch sensitive screen **104** or **108**, may be determined from the context in which the device **100** is used and/or operated. In an exemplary embodiment, the touch sensitive screens **104** and **108** comprise liquid crystal display devices extending across at least those regions of the touch sensitive screens **104** and **108** that are capable of providing visual output to a user, and a capacitive input matrix over those regions of the touch sensitive screens **104** and **108** that are capable of receiving input from the user.

One or more display controllers **216a**, **216b** may be provided for controlling the operation of the touch sensitive screens **104** and **108**, including input (touch sensing) and output (display) functions. In the exemplary embodiment illustrated in FIG. 2, a separate touch screen controller **216a** or **216b** is provided for each touch screen **104** and **108**. In accordance with alternate embodiments, a common or shared touch screen controller may be used to control each of the included touch sensitive screens **104** and **108**. In accordance with still other embodiments, the functions of a touch screen controller may be incorporated into other components, such as a processor **204**.

The processor **204** may comprise a general purpose programmable processor or controller for executing application programming or instructions. In accordance with at least some embodiments, the processor **204** may include multiple processor cores, and/or implement multiple virtual processors. In accordance with still other embodiments, the processor **204** may include multiple physical processors. As a particular example, the processor **204** may comprise a specially configured application specific integrated circuit (ASIC) or other integrated circuit, a digital signal processor, a controller, a hardwired electronic or logic circuit, a programmable logic device or gate array, a special purpose computer, or the like. The processor **204** generally functions to run programming code or instructions implementing various functions of the device **100**.

A communication device **100** may also include memory **208** for use in connection with the execution of application programming or instructions by the processor **204**, and for the temporary or long term storage of program instructions and/or data. As examples, the memory **208** may comprise RAM, DRAM, SDRAM, or other solid state memory. Alternatively or in addition, data storage **212** may be provided. Like the memory **208**, the data storage **212** may comprise a solid state memory device or devices. Alternatively or in addition, the data storage **212** may comprise a hard disk drive or other random access memory.

In support of communications functions or capabilities, the device **100** can include a cellular telephony module **228**. As examples, the cellular telephony module **228** can comprise a

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GSM, CDMA, FDMA and/or analog cellular telephony transceiver capable of supporting voice, multimedia and/or data transfers over a cellular network. Alternatively or in addition, the device **100** can include an additional or other wireless communications module **232**. As examples, the other wireless communications module **232** can comprise a Wi-Fi, BLUETOOTH™, WiMax, infrared, or other wireless communications link. The cellular telephony module **228** and the other wireless communications module **232** can each be associated with a shared or a dedicated antenna **224**.

A port interface **252** may be included. The port interface **252** may include proprietary or universal ports to support the interconnection of the device **100** to other devices or components, such as a dock, which may or may not include additional or different capabilities from those integral to the device **100**. In addition to supporting an exchange of communication signals between the device **100** and another device or component, the docking port **136** and/or port interface **252** can support the supply of power to or from the device **100**. The port interface **252** also comprises an intelligent element that comprises a docking module for controlling communications or other interactions between the device **100** and a connected device or component.

An input/output module **248** and associated ports may be included to support communications over wired networks or links, for example with other communication devices, server devices, and/or peripheral devices. Examples of an input/output module **248** include an Ethernet port, a Universal Serial Bus (USB) port, Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) 1394, or other interface.

An audio input/output interface/device(s) **244** can be included to provide analog audio to an interconnected speaker or other device, and to receive analog audio input from a connected microphone or other device. As an example, the audio input/output interface/device(s) **244** may comprise an associated amplifier and analog to digital converter. Alternatively or in addition, the device **100** can include an integrated audio input/output device **256** and/or an audio jack for interconnecting an external speaker or microphone. For example, an integrated speaker and an integrated microphone can be provided, to support near talk or speaker phone operations.

Hardware buttons **158** can be included for example for use in connection with certain control operations. Examples include a master power switch, volume control, etc., as described in conjunction with FIGS. 1A through 1J. One or more image capture interfaces/devices **240**, such as a camera, can be included for capturing still and/or video images. Alternatively or in addition, an image capture interface/device **240** can include a scanner or code reader. An image capture interface/device **240** can include or be associated with additional elements, such as a flash or other light source.

The device **100** can also include a global positioning system (GPS) receiver **236**. In accordance with embodiments of the present invention, the GPS receiver **236** may further comprise a GPS module that is capable of providing absolute location information to other components of the device **100**. An accelerometer(s) **176** may also be included. For example, in connection with the display of information to a user and/or other functions, a signal from the accelerometer **176** can be used to determine an orientation and/or format in which to display that information to the user.

Embodiments of the present invention can also include one or more position sensor(s) **172**. The position sensor **172** can provide a signal indicating the position of the touch sensitive screens **104** and **108** relative to one another. This information can be provided as an input, for example to a user interface application, to determine an operating mode, characteristics

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of the touch sensitive displays **110**, **114**, and/or other device **100** operations. As examples, a screen position sensor **172** can comprise a series of Hall effect sensors, a multiple position switch, an optical switch, a Wheatstone bridge, a potentiometer, or other arrangement capable of providing a signal indicating of multiple relative positions the touch screens are in.

Communications between various components of the device **100** can be carried by one or more buses **222**. In addition, power can be supplied to the components of the device **100** from a power source and/or power control module **260**. The power control module **260** can, for example, include a battery, an AC to DC converter, power control logic, and/or ports for interconnecting the device **100** to an external source of power.

Device State:

FIGS. **3A** and **3B** represent illustrative states of device **100**. While a number of illustrative states are shown, and transitions from a first state to a second state, it is to be appreciated that the illustrative state diagram may not encompass all possible states and/or all possible transitions from a first state to a second state. As illustrated in FIG. **3**, the various arrows between the states (illustrated by the state represented in the circle) represent a physical change that occurs to the device **100**, that is detected by one or more of hardware and software, the detection triggering one or more of a hardware and/or software interrupt that is used to control and/or manage one or more functions of device **100**.

As illustrated in FIG. **3A**, there are twelve exemplary “physical” states: closed **304**, transition **308** (or opening transitional state), easel **312**, modified easel **316**, open **320**, inbound/outbound call or communication **324**, image/video capture **328**, transition **332** (or closing transitional state), landscape **340**, docked **336**, docked **344** and landscape **348**. Next to each illustrative state is a representation of the physical state of the device **100** with the exception of states **324** and **328**, where the state is generally symbolized by the international icon for a telephone and the icon for a camera, respectively.

In state **304**, the device is in a closed state with the device **100** generally oriented in the portrait direction with the primary screen **104** and the secondary screen **108** back-to-back in different planes (see FIG. **1H**). From the closed state, the device **100** can enter, for example, docked state **336**, where the device **100** is coupled with a docking station, docking cable, or in general docked or associated with one or more other devices or peripherals, or the landscape state **340**, where the device **100** is generally oriented with the primary screen **104** facing the user, and the primary screen **104** and the secondary screen **108** being back-to-back.

In the closed state, the device can also move to a transitional state where the device remains closed but the display is moved from one screen **104** to another screen **108** based on a user input, e.g., a double tap on the screen **110**, **114**. Still another embodiment includes a bilateral state. In the bilateral state, the device remains closed, but a single application displays at least one window on both the first display **110** and the second display **114**. The windows shown on the first and second display **110**, **114** may be the same or different based on the application and the state of that application. For example, while acquiring an image with a camera, the device may display the view finder on the first display **110** and displays a preview for the photo subjects (full screen and mirrored left-to-right) on the second display **114**.

In state **308**, a transition state from the closed state **304** to the semi-open state or easel state **312**, the device **100** is shown opening with the primary screen **104** and the secondary screen **108** being rotated around a point of axis coincidence

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with the hinge. Upon entering the easel state **312**, the primary screen **104** and the secondary screen **108** are separated from one another such that, for example, the device **100** can sit in an easel-like configuration on a surface.

In state **316**, known as the modified easel position, the device **100** has the primary screen **104** and the secondary screen **108** in a similar relative relationship to one another as in the easel state **312**, with the difference being one of the primary screen **104** or the secondary screen **108** are placed on a surface as shown.

State **320** is the open state where the primary screen **104** and the secondary screen **108** are generally on the same plane. From the open state, the device **100** can transition to the docked state **344** or the open landscape state **348**. In the open state **320**, the primary screen **104** and the secondary screen **108** are generally in the portrait-like orientation while in landscaped state **348** the primary screen **104** and the secondary screen **108** are generally in a landscape-like orientation.

State **324** is illustrative of a communication state, such as when an inbound or outbound call is being received or placed, respectively, by the device **100**. While not illustrated for clarity, it should be appreciated the device **100** can transition to the inbound/outbound call state **324** from any state illustrated in FIG. **3**. In a similar manner, the image/video capture state **328** can be entered into from any other state in FIG. **3**, with the image/video capture state **328** allowing the device **100** to take one or more images via a camera and/or videos with a video capture device **240**.

Transition state **332** illustratively shows primary screen **104** and the secondary screen **108** being closed upon one another for entry into, for example, the closed state **304**.

FIG. **3B** illustrates, with reference to the key, the inputs that are received to detect a transition from a first state to a second state. In FIG. **3B**, various combinations of states are shown with in general, a portion of the columns being directed toward a portrait state **352**, a landscape state **356**, and a portion of the rows being directed to portrait state **360** and landscape state **364**.

In FIG. **3B**, the Key indicates that “H” represents an input from one or more Hall Effect sensors, “A” represents an input from one or more accelerometers, “T” represents an input from a timer, “P” represents a communications trigger input and “I” represents an image and/or video capture request input. Thus, in the center portion **376** of the chart, an input, or combination of inputs, are shown that represent how the device **100** detects a transition from a first physical state to a second physical state.

As discussed, in the center portion of the chart **376**, the inputs that are received enable the detection of a transition from, for example, a portrait open state to a landscape easel state—shown in bold—“HAT.” For this exemplary transition from the portrait open to the landscape easel state, a Hall Effect sensor (“H”), an accelerometer (“A”) and a timer (“T”) input may be needed. The timer input can be derived from, for example, a clock associated with the processor.

In addition to the portrait and landscape states, a docked state **368** is also shown that is triggered based on the receipt of a docking signal **372**. As discussed above and in relation to FIG. **3**, the docking signal can be triggered by the association of the device **100** with one or more other device **100s**, accessories, peripherals, smart docks, or the like.

User Interaction:

FIGS. **4A** through **4H** depict various graphical representations of gesture inputs that may be recognized by the screens **104**, **108**. The gestures may be performed not only by a user’s body part, such as a digit, but also by other devices, such as a stylus, that may be sensed by the contact sensing portion(s) of

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a screen **104, 108**. In general, gestures are interpreted differently, based on where the gestures are performed (either directly on the display **110, 114** or in the gesture capture region **120, 124**). For example, gestures in the display **110, 114** may be directed to a desktop or application, and gestures in the gesture capture region **120, 124** may be interpreted as for the system.

With reference to FIGS. 4A-4H, a first type of gesture, a touch gesture **420**, is substantially stationary on the screen **104, 108** for a selected length of time. A circle **428** represents a touch or other contact type received at particular location of a contact sensing portion of the screen. The circle **428** may include a border **432**, the thickness of which indicates a length of time that the contact is held substantially stationary at the contact location. For instance, a tap **420** (or short press) has a thinner border **432a** than the border **432b** for a long press **424** (or for a normal press). The long press **424** may involve a contact that remains substantially stationary on the screen for longer time period than that of a tap **420**. As will be appreciated, differently defined gestures may be registered depending upon the length of time that the touch remains stationary prior to contact cessation or movement on the screen.

With reference to FIG. 4C, a drag gesture **400** on the screen **104, 108** is an initial contact (represented by circle **428**) with contact movement **436** in a selected direction. The initial contact **428** may remain stationary on the screen **104, 108** for a certain amount of time represented by the border **432**. The drag gesture typically requires the user to contact an icon, window, or other displayed image at a first location followed by movement of the contact in a drag direction to a new second location desired for the selected displayed image. The contact movement need not be in a straight line but have any path of movement so long as the contact is substantially continuous from the first to the second locations.

With reference to FIG. 4D, a flick gesture **404** on the screen **104, 108** is an initial contact (represented by circle **428**) with truncated contact movement **436** (relative to a drag gesture) in a selected direction. In embodiments, a flick has a higher exit velocity for the last movement in the gesture compared to the drag gesture. The flick gesture can, for instance, be a finger snap following initial contact. Compared to a drag gesture, a flick gesture generally does not require continual contact with the screen **104, 108** from the first location of a displayed image to a predetermined second location. The contacted displayed image is moved by the flick gesture in the direction of the flick gesture to the predetermined second location. Although both gestures commonly can move a displayed image from a first location to a second location, the temporal duration and distance of travel of the contact on the screen is generally less for a flick than for a drag gesture.

With reference to FIG. 4E, a pinch gesture **408** on the screen **104, 108** is depicted. The pinch gesture **408** may be initiated by a first contact **428a** to the screen **104, 108** by, for example, a first digit and a second contact **428b** to the screen **104, 108** by, for example, a second digit. The first and second contacts **428a, b** may be detected by a common contact sensing portion of a common screen **104, 108**, by different contact sensing portions of a common screen **104** or **108**, or by different contact sensing portions of different screens. The first contact **428a** is held for a first amount of time, as represented by the border **432a**, and the second contact **428b** is held for a second amount of time, as represented by the border **432b**. The first and second amounts of time are generally substantially the same, and the first and second contacts **428a, b** generally occur substantially simultaneously. The first and second contacts **428a, b** generally also include corresponding first and second contact movements **436a, b**,

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respectively. The first and second contact movements **436a, b** are generally in opposing directions. Stated another way, the first contact movement **436a** is towards the second contact **436b**, and the second contact movement **436b** is towards the first contact **436a**. More simply stated, the pinch gesture **408** may be accomplished by a user's digits touching the screen **104, 108** in a pinching motion.

With reference to FIG. 4F, a spread gesture **410** on the screen **104, 108** is depicted. The spread gesture **410** may be initiated by a first contact **428a** to the screen **104, 108** by, for example, a first digit and a second contact **428b** to the screen **104, 108** by, for example, a second digit. The first and second contacts **428a, b** may be detected by a common contact sensing portion of a common screen **104, 108**, by different contact sensing portions of a common screen **104, 108**, or by different contact sensing portions of different screens. The first contact **428a** is held for a first amount of time, as represented by the border **432a**, and the second contact **428b** is held for a second amount of time, as represented by the border **432b**. The first and second amounts of time are generally substantially the same, and the first and second contacts **428a, b** generally occur substantially simultaneously. The first and second contacts **428a, b** generally also include corresponding first and second contact movements **436a, b**, respectively. The first and second contact movements **436a, b** are generally in a common direction. Stated another way, the first and second contact movements **436a, b** are away from the first and second contacts **428a, b**. More simply stated, the spread gesture **410** may be accomplished by a user's digits touching the screen **104, 108** in a spreading motion.

The above gestures may be combined in any manner, such as those shown by FIGS. 4G and 4H, to produce a determined functional result. For example, in FIG. 4G a tap gesture **420** is combined with a drag or flick gesture **412** in a direction away from the tap gesture **420**. In FIG. 4H, a tap gesture **420** is combined with a drag or flick gesture **412** in a direction towards the tap gesture **420**.

The functional result of receiving a gesture can vary depending on a number of factors, including a state of the device **100**, display **110, 114**, or screen **104, 108**, a context associated with the gesture, or sensed location of the gesture. The state of the device commonly refers to one or more of a configuration of the device **100**, a display orientation, and user and other inputs received by the device **100**. Context commonly refers to one or more of the particular application(s) selected by the gesture and the portion(s) of the application currently executing, whether the application is a single- or multi-screen application, and whether the application is a multi-screen application displaying one or more windows in one or more screens or in one or more stacks. Sensed location of the gesture commonly refers to whether the sensed set(s) of gesture location coordinates are on a touch sensitive display **110, 114** or a gesture capture region **120, 124**, whether the sensed set(s) of gesture location coordinates are associated with a common or different display or screen **104, 108**, and/or what portion of the gesture capture region contains the sensed set(s) of gesture location coordinates.

A tap, when received by an a touch sensitive display **110, 114**, can be used, for instance, to select an icon to initiate or terminate execution of a corresponding application, to maximize or minimize a window, to reorder windows in a stack, and to provide user input such as by keyboard display or other displayed image. A drag, when received by a touch sensitive display **110, 114**, can be used, for instance, to relocate an icon or window to a desired location within a display, to reorder a stack on a display, or to span both displays (such that the selected window occupies a portion of each display simulta-

neously). A flick, when received by a touch sensitive display **110**, **114** or a gesture capture region **120**, **124**, can be used to relocate a window from a first display to a second display or to span both displays (such that the selected window occupies a portion of each display simultaneously). Unlike the drag gesture, however, the flick gesture is generally not used to move the displayed image to a specific user-selected location but to a default location that is not configurable by the user.

The pinch gesture, when received by a touch sensitive display **110**, **114** or a gesture capture region **120**, **124**, can be used to minimize or otherwise increase the displayed area or size of a window (typically when received entirely by a common display), to switch windows displayed at the top of the stack on each display to the top of the stack of the other display (typically when received by different displays or screens), or to display an application manager (a “pop-up window” that displays the windows in the stack). The spread gesture, when received by a touch sensitive display **110**, **114** or a gesture capture region **120**, **124**, can be used to maximize or otherwise decrease the displayed area or size of a window, to switch windows displayed at the top of the stack on each display to the top of the stack of the other display (typically when received by different displays or screens), or to display an application manager (typically when received by an off-screen gesture capture region on the same or different screens).

The combined gestures of FIG. **4G**, when received by a common display capture region in a common display or screen **104**, **108**, can be used to hold a first window stack location in a first stack constant for a display receiving the gesture while reordering a second window stack location in a second window stack to include a window in the display receiving the gesture. The combined gestures of FIG. **4H**, when received by different display capture regions in a common display or screen **104**, **108** or in different displays or screens, can be used to hold a first window stack location in a first window stack constant for a display receiving the tap part of the gesture while reordering a second window stack location in a second window stack to include a window in the display receiving the flick or drag gesture. Although specific gestures and gesture capture regions in the preceding examples have been associated with corresponding sets of functional results, it is to be appreciated that these associations can be redefined in any manner to produce differing associations between gestures and/or gesture capture regions and/or functional results.

Firmware and Software:

The memory **508** may store and the processor **504** may execute one or more software components. These components can include at least one operating system (OS) **516**, an application manager **562**, a desktop **566**, and/or one or more applications **564a** and/or **564b** from an application store **560**. The OS **516** can include a framework **520**, one or more frame buffers **548**, one or more drivers **512**, previously described in conjunction with FIG. **2**, and/or a kernel **518**. The OS **516** can be any software, consisting of programs and data, which manages computer hardware resources and provides common services for the execution of various applications **564**. The OS **516** can be any operating system and, at least in some embodiments, dedicated to mobile devices, including, but not limited to, Linux, ANDROID™, iPhone OS (iOS™), WINDOWS PHONE 7™, etc. The OS **516** is operable to provide functionality to the phone by executing one or more operations, as described herein.

The applications **564** can be any higher level software that executes particular functionality for the user. Applications **564** can include programs such as email clients, web brows-

ers, texting applications, games, media players, office suites, etc. The applications **564** can be stored in an application store **560**, which may represent any memory or data storage, and the management software associated therewith, for storing the applications **564**. Once executed, the applications **564** may be run in a different area of memory **508**.

The framework **520** may be any software or data that allows the multiple tasks running on the device to interact. In embodiments, at least portions of the framework **520** and the discrete components described hereinafter may be considered part of the OS **516** or an application **564**. However, these portions will be described as part of the framework **520**, but those components are not so limited. The framework **520** can include, but is not limited to, a Multi-Display Management (MDM) module **524**, a Surface Cache module **528**, a Window Management module **532**, an Input Management module **536**, a Task Management module **540**, an Application Model Manager **542**, a Display Controller, one or more frame buffers **548**, a task stack **552**, one or more window stacks **550** (which is a logical arrangement of windows and/or desktops in a display area), and/or an event buffer **556**.

The MDM module **524** includes one or more modules that are operable to manage the display of applications or other data on the screens of the device. An embodiment of the MDM module **524** is described in conjunction with FIG. **5B**. In embodiments, the MDM module **524** receives inputs from the other OS **516** components, such as, the drivers **512**, and from the applications **564** to determine continually the state of the device **100**. The inputs assist the MDM module **524** in determining how to configure and allocate the displays according to the application’s preferences and requirements, and the user’s actions. Once a determination for display configurations is made, the MDM module **524** can bind the applications **564** to a display. The configuration may then be provided to one or more other components to generate a window with a display.

The Surface Cache module **528** includes any memory or storage and the software associated therewith to store or cache one or more images of windows. A series of active and/or non-active windows (or other display objects, such as, a desktop display) can be associated with each display. An active window (or other display object) is currently displayed. A non-active windows (or other display objects) were opened and, at some time, displayed but are now not displayed. To enhance the user experience, before a window transitions from an active state to an inactive state, a “screen shot” of a last generated image of the window (or other display object) can be stored. The Surface Cache module **528** may be operable to store a bitmap of the last active image of a window (or other display object) not currently displayed. Thus, the Surface Cache module **528** stores the images of non-active windows (or other display objects) in a data store.

In embodiments, the Window Management module **532** is operable to manage the windows (or other display objects) that are active or not active on each of the displays. The Window Management module **532**, based on information from the MDM module **524**, the OS **516**, or other components, determines when a window (or other display object) is visible or not active. The Window Management module **532** may then put a non-visible window (or other display object) in a “not active state” and, in conjunction with the Task Management module Task Management **540** suspends the application’s operation. Further, the Window Management module **532** may assign, through collaborative interaction with the MDM module **524**, a display identifier to the window (or other display object) or manage one or more other items of data associated with the window (or other display object). The

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Window Management module 532 may also provide the stored information to the application 564, the Task Management module 540, or other components interacting with or associated with the window (or other display object). The Window Management module 532 can also associate an input task with a window based on window focus and display coordinates within the motion space.

The Input Management module 536 is operable to manage events that occur with the device. An event is any input into the window environment, for example, a user interface interactions with a user. The Input Management module 536 receives the events and logically stores the events in an event buffer 556. Events can include such user interface interactions as a “down event,” which occurs when a screen 104, 108 receives a touch signal from a user, a “move event,” which occurs when the screen 104, 108 determines that a user’s finger is moving across a screen(s), an “up event, which occurs when the screen 104, 108 determines that the user has stopped touching the screen 104, 108, etc. These events are received, stored, and forwarded to other modules by the Input Management module 536. The Input Management module 536 may also map screen inputs to a motion space which is the culmination of all physical and virtual display available on the device.

The motion space is a virtualized space that includes all touch sensitive displays 110, 114 “tiled” together to mimic the physical dimensions of the device 100. For example, when the device 100 is unfolded, the motion space size may be 960x800, which may be the number of pixels in the combined display area for both touch sensitive displays 110, 114. If a user touches on a first touch sensitive display 110 on location (40, 40), a full screen window can receive touch event with location (40, 40). If a user touches on a second touch sensitive display 114, with location (40, 40), the full screen window can receive touch event with location (520, 40), because the second touch sensitive display 114 is on the right side of the first touch sensitive display 110, so the device 100 can offset the touch by the first touch sensitive display’s 110 width, which is 480 pixels. When a hardware event occurs with location info from a driver 512, the framework 520 can up-scale the physical location to the motion space because the location of the event may be different based on the device orientation and state. The motion space may be as described in U.S. patent application Ser. No. 13/187,026, filed Jul. 20, 2011, entitled “Systems and Methods for Receiving Gesture Inputs Spanning Multiple Input Devices,” which is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety for all that it teaches and for all purposes.

A task can be an application and a sub-task can be an application component that provides a window with which users can interact to do something, such as dial the phone, take a photo, send an email, or view a map. Each task may be given a window in which to draw a user interface. The window typically fills a display (for example, touch sensitive display 110, 114), but may be smaller than the display 110, 114 and float on top of other windows. An application usually consists of multiple sub-tasks that are loosely bound to each other. Typically, one task in an application is specified as the “main” task, which is presented to the user when launching the application for the first time. Each task can then start another task or sub-task to perform different actions.

The Task Management module 540 is operable to manage the operation of one or more applications 564 that may be executed by the device. Thus, the Task Management module 540 can receive signals to launch, suspend, terminate, etc. an application or application sub-tasks stored in the application store 560. The Task Management module 540 may then

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instantiate one or more tasks or sub-tasks of the application 564 to begin operation of the application 564. Further, the Task Management Module 540 may launch, suspend, or terminate a task or sub-task as a result of user input or as a result of a signal from a collaborating framework 520 component. The Task Management Module 540 is responsible for managing the lifecycle of applications (tasks and sub-task) from when the application is launched to when the application is terminated.

The processing of the Task Management Module 540 is facilitated by a task stack 552, which is a logical structure associated with the Task Management Module 540. The task stack 552 maintains the state of all tasks and sub-tasks on the device 100. When some component of the operating system 516 requires a task or sub-task to transition in its lifecycle, the OS 516 component can notify the Task Management Module 540. The Task Management Module 540 may then locate the task or sub-task, using identification information, in the task stack 552, and send a signal to the task or sub-task indicating what kind of lifecycle transition the task needs to execute. Informing the task or sub-task of the transition allows the task or sub-task to prepare for the lifecycle state transition. The Task Management Module 540 can then execute the state transition for the task or sub-task. In embodiments, the state transition may entail triggering the OS kernel 518 to terminate the task when termination is required.

Further, the Task Management module 540 may suspend the application 564 based on information from the Window Management Module 532. Suspending the application 564 may maintain application data in memory but may limit or stop the application 564 from rendering a window or user interface. Once the application becomes active again, the Task Management module 540 can again trigger the application to render its user interface. In embodiments, if a task is suspended, the task may save the task’s state in case the task is terminated. In the suspended state, the application task may not receive input because the application window is not visible to the user.

The frame buffer 548 is a logical structure(s) used to render the user interface. The frame buffer 548 can be created and destroyed by the OS kernel 518. However, the Display Controller 544 can write the image data, for the visible windows, into the frame buffer 548. A frame buffer 548 can be associated with one screen or multiple screens. The association of a frame buffer 548 with a screen can be controlled dynamically by interaction with the OS kernel 518. A composite display may be created by associating multiple screens with a single frame buffer 548. Graphical data used to render an application’s window user interface may then be written to the single frame buffer 548, for the composite display, which is output to the multiple screens 104, 108. The Display Controller 544 can direct an application’s user interface to a portion of the frame buffer 548 that is mapped to a particular display 110, 114, thus, displaying the user interface on only one screen 104 or 108. The Display Controller 544 can extend the control over user interfaces to multiple applications, controlling the user interfaces for as many displays as are associated with a frame buffer 548 or a portion thereof. This approach compensates for the multiple physical screens 104, 108 that are in use by the software component above the Display Controller 544.

The Application Manager 562 is an application that provides a presentation layer for the window environment. Thus, the Application Manager 562 provides the graphical model for rendering by the Task Management Module 540. Likewise, the Desktop 566 provides the presentation layer for the Application Store 560. Thus, the desktop provides a graphical model of a surface having selectable application icons for the

Applications **564** in the Application Store **560** that can be provided to the Window Management Module **556** for rendering.

Further, the framework can include an Application Model Manager (AMM) **542**. The Application Manager **562** may interface with the AMM **542**. In embodiments, the AMM **542** receives state change information from the device **100** regarding the state of applications (which are running or suspended). The AMM **542** can associate bit map images from the Surface Cache Module **528** to the tasks that are alive (running or suspended). Further, the AMM **542** can convert the logical window stack maintained in the Task Manager Module **540** to a linear ("film strip" or "deck of cards") organization that the user perceives when the using the off gesture capture area **120** to sort through the windows. Further, the AMM **542** may provide a list of executing applications to the Application Manager **562**.

An embodiment of the MDM module **524** is shown in FIG. **5B**. The MDM module **524** is operable to determine the state of the environment for the device, including, but not limited to, the orientation of the device, whether the device **100** is opened or closed, what applications **564** are executing, how the applications **564** are to be displayed, what actions the user is conducting, the tasks being displayed, etc. To configure the display, the MDM module **524** interprets these environmental factors and determines a display configuration, as described in conjunction with FIGS. **6A-6J**. Then, the MDM module **524** can bind the applications **564** or other device components to the displays. The configuration may then be sent to the Display Controller **544** and/or the other components within the OS **516** to generate the display. The MDM module **524** can include one or more of, but is not limited to, a Display Configuration Module **568**, a Preferences Module **572**, a Device State Module **574**, a Gesture Module **576**, a Requirements Module **580**, an Event Module **584**, and/or a Binding Module **588**.

The Display Configuration Module **568** determines the layout for the display. In embodiments, the Display Configuration Module **568** can determine the environmental factors. The environmental factors may be received from one or more other MDM modules **524** or from other sources. The Display Configuration Module **568** can then determine from the list of factors the best configuration for the display. Some embodiments of the possible configurations and the factors associated therewith are described in conjunction with FIGS. **6A-6F**.

The Preferences Module **572** is operable to determine display preferences for an application **564** or other component. For example, an application can have a preference for Single or Dual displays. The Preferences Module **572** can determine an application's display preference (e.g., by inspecting the application's preference settings) and may allow the application **564** to change to a mode (e.g., single screen, dual screen, max, etc.) if the device **100** is in a state that can accommodate the preferred mode. However, some user interface policies may disallow a mode even if the mode is available. As the configuration of the device changes, the preferences may be reviewed to determine if a better display configuration can be achieved for an application **564**.

The Device State Module **574** is operable to determine or receive the state of the device. The state of the device can be as described in conjunction with FIGS. **3A** and **3B**. The state of the device can be used by the Display Configuration Module **568** to determine the configuration for the display. As such, the Device State Module **574** may receive inputs and interpret the state of the device. The state information is then provided to the Display Configuration Module **568**.

The Gesture Module **576** is shown as part of the MDM module **524**, but, in embodiments, the Gesture module **576** may be a separate Framework **520** component that is separate from the MDM module **524**. In embodiments, the Gesture Module **576** is operable to determine if the user is conducting any actions on any part of the user interface. In alternative embodiments, the Gesture Module **576** receives user interface actions from the configurable area **112,116** only. The Gesture Module **576** can receive touch events that occur on the configurable area **112,116** (or possibly other user interface areas) by way of the Input Management Module **536** and may interpret the touch events (using direction, speed, distance, duration, and various other parameters) to determine what kind of gesture the user is performing. When a gesture is interpreted, the Gesture Module **576** can initiate the processing of the gesture and, by collaborating with other Framework **520** components, can manage the required window animation. The Gesture Module **576** collaborates with the Application Model Manager **542** to collect state information with respect to which applications are running (active or paused) and the order in which applications must appear when a user gesture is performed. The Gesture Module **576** may also receive references to bitmaps (from the Surface Cache Module **528**) and live windows so that when a gesture occurs it can instruct the Display Controller **544** how to move the window(s) across the display **110,114**. Thus, suspended applications may appear to be running when those windows are moved across the display **110,114**.

Further, the Gesture Module **576** can receive task information either from the Task Manage Module **540** or the Input Management module **536**. The gestures may be as defined in conjunction with FIGS. **4A** through **4H**. For example, moving a window causes the display to render a series of display frames that illustrate the window moving. The gesture associated with such user interface interaction can be received and interpreted by the Gesture Module **576**. The information about the user gesture is then sent to the Task Management Module **540** to modify the display binding of the task.

The Requirements Module **580**, similar to the Preferences Module **572**, is operable to determine display requirements for an application **564** or other component. An application can have a set display requirement that must be observed. Some applications require a particular display orientation. For example, the application "Angry Birds" can only be displayed in landscape orientation. This type of display requirement can be determined or received, by the Requirements Module **580**. As the orientation of the device changes, the Requirements Module **580** can reassert the display requirements for the application **564**. The Display Configuration Module **568** can generate a display configuration that is in accordance with the application display requirements, as provided by the Requirements Module **580**.

The Event Module **584**, similar to the Gesture Module **576**, is operable to determine one or more events occurring with an application or other component that can affect the user interface. Thus, the Event Module **584** can receive event information either from the event buffer **556** or the Task Management module **540**. These events can change how the tasks are bound to the displays. The Event Module **584** can collect state change information from other Framework **520** components and act upon that state change information. In an example, when the phone is opened or closed or when an orientation change has occurred, a new message may be rendered in a secondary screen. The state change based on the event can be received and interpreted by the Event Module **584**. The infor-

mation about the events then may be sent to the Display Configuration Module 568 to modify the configuration of the display.

The Binding Module 588 is operable to bind the applications 564 or the other components to the configuration determined by the Display Configuration Module 568. A binding associates, in memory, the display configuration for each application with the display and mode of the application. Thus, the Binding Module 588 can associate an application with a display configuration for the application (e.g. landscape, portrait, multi-screen, etc.). Then, the Binding Module 588 may assign a display identifier to the display. The display identifier associated the application with a particular display of the device 100. This binding is then stored and provided to the Display Controller 544, the other components of the OS 516, or other components to properly render the display. The binding is dynamic and can change or be updated based on configuration changes associated with events, gestures, state changes, application preferences or requirements, etc.

User Interface Configurations:

With reference now to FIGS. 6A-J, various types of output configurations made possible by the device 100 will be described hereinafter.

FIGS. 6A and 6B depict two different output configurations of the device 100 being in a first state. Specifically, FIG. 6A depicts the device 100 being in a closed portrait state 304 where the data is displayed on the primary screen 104. In this example, the device 100 displays data via the touch sensitive display 110 in a first portrait configuration 604. As can be appreciated, the first portrait configuration 604 may only display a desktop or operating system home screen. Alternatively, one or more windows may be presented in a portrait orientation while the device 100 is displaying data in the first portrait configuration 604.

FIG. 6B depicts the device 100 still being in the closed portrait state 304, but instead data is displayed on the secondary screen 108. In this example, the device 100 displays data via the touch sensitive display 114 in a second portrait configuration 608.

It may be possible to display similar or different data in either the first or second portrait configuration 604, 608. It may also be possible to transition between the first portrait configuration 604 and second portrait configuration 608 by providing the device 100 a user gesture (e.g., a double tap gesture), a menu selection, or other means. Other suitable gestures may also be employed to transition between configurations. Furthermore, it may also be possible to transition the device 100 from the first or second portrait configuration 604, 608 to any other configuration described herein depending upon which state the device 100 is moved.

An alternative output configuration may be accommodated by the device 100 being in a second state. Specifically, FIG. 6C depicts a third portrait configuration where data is displayed simultaneously on both the primary screen 104 and the secondary screen 108. The third portrait configuration may be referred to as a Dual-Portrait (PD) output configuration. In the PD output configuration, the touch sensitive display 110 of the primary screen 104 depicts data in the first portrait configuration 604 while the touch sensitive display 114 of the secondary screen 108 depicts data in the second portrait configuration 608. The simultaneous presentation of the first portrait configuration 604 and the second portrait configuration 608 may occur when the device 100 is in an open portrait state 320. In this configuration, the device 100 may display one application window in one display 110 or 114, two application windows (one in each display 110 and 114), one application window and one desktop, or one desktop. Other con-

figurations may be possible. It should be appreciated that it may also be possible to transition the device 100 from the simultaneous display of configurations 604, 608 to any other configuration described herein depending upon which state the device 100 is moved. Furthermore, while in this state, an application's display preference may place the device into bilateral mode, in which both displays are active to display different windows in the same application. For example, a Camera application may display a viewfinder and controls on one side, while the other side displays a mirrored preview that can be seen by the photo subjects. Games involving simultaneous play by two players may also take advantage of bilateral mode.

FIGS. 6D and 6E depicts two further output configurations of the device 100 being in a third state. Specifically, FIG. 6D depicts the device 100 being in a closed landscape state 340 where the data is displayed on the primary screen 104. In this example, the device 100 displays data via the touch sensitive display 110 in a first landscape configuration 612. Much like the other configurations described herein, the first landscape configuration 612 may display a desktop, a home screen, one or more windows displaying application data, or the like.

FIG. 6E depicts the device 100 still being in the closed landscape state 340, but instead data is displayed on the secondary screen 108. In this example, the device 100 displays data via the touch sensitive display 114 in a second landscape configuration 616. It may be possible to display similar or different data in either the first or second portrait configuration 612, 616. It may also be possible to transition between the first landscape configuration 612 and second landscape configuration 616 by providing the device 100 with one or both of a twist and tap gesture or a flip and slide gesture. Other suitable gestures may also be employed to transition between configurations. Furthermore, it may also be possible to transition the device 100 from the first or second landscape configuration 612, 616 to any other configuration described herein depending upon which state the device 100 is moved.

FIG. 6F depicts a third landscape configuration where data is displayed simultaneously on both the primary screen 104 and the secondary screen 108. The third landscape configuration may be referred to as a Dual-Landscape (LD) output configuration. In the LD output configuration, the touch sensitive display 110 of the primary screen 104 depicts data in the first landscape configuration 612 while the touch sensitive display 114 of the secondary screen 108 depicts data in the second landscape configuration 616. The simultaneous presentation of the first landscape configuration 612 and the second landscape configuration 616 may occur when the device 100 is in an open landscape state 340. It should be appreciated that it may also be possible to transition the device 100 from the simultaneous display of configurations 612, 616 to any other configuration described herein depending upon which state the device 100 is moved.

FIGS. 6G and 6H depict two views of a device 100 being in yet another state. Specifically, the device 100 is depicted as being in an easel state 312. FIG. 6G shows that a first easel output configuration 618 may be displayed on the touch sensitive display 110. FIG. 6H shows that a second easel output configuration 620 may be displayed on the touch sensitive display 114. The device 100 may be configured to depict either the first easel output configuration 618 or the second easel output configuration 620 individually. Alternatively, both the easel output configurations 618, 620 may be presented simultaneously. In some embodiments, the easel output configurations 618, 620 may be similar or identical to the landscape output configurations 612, 616. The device 100

may also be configured to display one or both of the easel output configurations **618**, **620** while in a modified easel state **316**. It should be appreciated that simultaneous utilization of the easel output configurations **618**, **620** may facilitate two-person games (e.g., Battleship®, chess, checkers, etc.), multi-user conferences where two or more users share the same device **100**, and other applications. As can be appreciated, it may also be possible to transition the device **100** from the display of one or both configurations **618**, **620** to any other configuration described herein depending upon which state the device **100** is moved.

FIG. 6I depicts yet another output configuration that may be accommodated while the device **100** is in an open portrait state **320**. Specifically, the device **100** may be configured to present a single continuous image across both touch sensitive displays **110**, **114** in a portrait configuration referred to herein as a Portrait-Max (PMax) configuration **624**. In this configuration, data (e.g., a single image, application, window, icon, video, etc.) may be split and displayed partially on one of the touch sensitive displays while the other portion of the data is displayed on the other touch sensitive display. The Pmax configuration **624** may facilitate a larger display and/or better resolution for displaying a particular image on the device **100**. Similar to other output configurations, it may be possible to transition the device **100** from the Pmax configuration **624** to any other output configuration described herein depending upon which state the device **100** is moved.

FIG. 6J depicts still another output configuration that may be accommodated while the device **100** is in an open landscape state **348**. Specifically, the device **100** may be configured to present a single continuous image across both touch sensitive displays **110**, **114** in a landscape configuration referred to herein as a Landscape-Max (LMax) configuration **628**. In this configuration, data (e.g., a single image, application, window, icon, video, etc.) may be split and displayed partially on one of the touch sensitive displays while the other portion of the data is displayed on the other touch sensitive display. The Lmax configuration **628** may facilitate a larger display and/or better resolution for displaying a particular image on the device **100**. Similar to other output configurations, it may be possible to transition the device **100** from the Lmax configuration **628** to any other output configuration described herein depending upon which state the device **100** is moved.

The device **100** manages desktops and/or windows with at least one window stack **700**, **728**, as shown in FIGS. 7A and 7B. A window stack **700**, **728** is a logical arrangement of active and/or inactive windows for a multi-screen device. For example, the window stack **700**, **728** may be logically similar to a deck of cards, where one or more windows or desktops are arranged in order, as shown in FIGS. 7A and 7B. An active window is a window that is currently being displayed on at least one of the touch sensitive displays **110**, **114**. For example, windows **104** and **108** are active windows and are displayed on touch sensitive displays **110** and **114**. An inactive window is a window that was opened and displayed but is now “behind” an active window and not being displayed. In embodiments, an inactive window may be for an application that is suspended, and thus, the window is not displaying active content. For example, windows **712**, **716**, **720**, and **724** are inactive windows.

A window stack **700**, **728** may have various arrangements or organizational structures. In the embodiment shown in FIG. 7A, the device **100** includes a first stack **760** associated with a first touch sensitive display **110** and a second stack associated with a second touch sensitive display **114**. Thus, each touch sensitive display **110**, **114** can have an associated

window stack **760**, **764**. These two window stacks **760**, **764** may have different numbers of windows arranged in the respective stacks **760**, **764**. Further, the two window stacks **760**, **764** can also be identified differently and managed separately. Thus, the first window stack **760** can be arranged in order from a first window **704** to a next window **720** to a last window **724** and finally to a desktop **722**, which, in embodiments, is at the “bottom” of the window stack **760**. In embodiments, the desktop **722** is not always at the “bottom” as application windows can be arranged in the window stack below the desktop **722**, and the desktop **722** can be brought to the “top” of a stack over other windows during a desktop reveal. Likewise, the second stack **764** can be arranged from a first window **708** to a next window **712** to a last window **716**, and finally to a desktop **718**, which, in embodiments, is a single desktop area, with desktop **722**, under all the windows in both window stack **760** and window stack **764**. A logical data structure for managing the two window stacks **760**, **764** may be as described in conjunction with FIG. 8.

Another arrangement for a window stack **728** is shown in FIG. 7B. In this embodiment, there is a single window stack **728** for both touch sensitive displays **110**, **114**. Thus, the window stack **728** is arranged from a desktop **758** to a first window **744** to a last window **756**. A window can be arranged in a position among all windows without an association to a specific touch sensitive display **110**, **114**. In this embodiment, a window is in the order of windows. Further, at least one window is identified as being active. For example, a single window may be rendered in two portions **732** and **736** that are displayed on the first touch sensitive screen **110** and the second touch sensitive screen **114**. The single window may only occupy a single position in the window stack **728** although it is displayed on both displays **110**, **114**.

Yet another arrangement of a window stack **760** is shown in FIGS. 7C through 7E. The window stack **760** is shown in three “elevation” views. In FIG. 7C, the top of the window stack **760** is shown. Two sides of the window stack **760** are shown in FIGS. 7D and 7E. In this embodiment, the window stack **760** resembles a stack of bricks. The windows are stacked on each other. Looking from the top of the window stack **760** in FIG. 7C, only the top most windows in the window stack **760** are seen in different portions of the composite display **764**. The composite display **764** represents a logical model for the entire display area of the device **100**, which can include touch sensitive display **110** and touch sensitive display **114**. A desktop **786** or a window can occupy part or all of the composite display **764**.

In the embodiment shown, the desktop **786** is the lowest display or “brick” in the window stack **760**. Thereupon, window **1 782**, window **2 782**, window **3 768**, and window **4 770** are layered. Window **1 782**, window **3 768**, window **2 782**, and window **4 770** only occupy a portion of the composite display **764**. Thus, another part of the stack **760** includes window **8 774** and windows **5** through **7** shown in section **790**. Only the top window in any portion of the composite display **764** is actually rendered and displayed. Thus, as shown in the top view in FIG. 7C, window **4 770**, window **8 774**, and window **3 768** are displayed as being at the top of the display in different portions of the window stack **760**. A window can be dimensioned to occupy only a portion of the composite display **760** to “reveal” windows lower in the window stack **760**. For example, window **3 768** is lower in the stack than both window **4 770** and window **8 774** but is still displayed. A logical data structure to manage the window stack can be as described in conjunction with FIG. 8.

When a new window is opened, the newly activated window is generally positioned at the top of the stack. However,

where and how the window is positioned within the stack can be a function of the orientation of the device **100**, the context of what programs, functions, software, etc. are being executed on the device **100**, how the stack is positioned when the new window is opened, etc. To insert the window in the stack, the position in the stack for the window is determined and the touch sensitive display **110**, **114** to which the window is associated may also be determined. With this information, a logical data structure for the window can be created and stored. When user interface or other events or tasks change the arrangement of windows, the window stack(s) can be changed to reflect the change in arrangement. It should be noted that these same concepts described above can be used to manage the one or more desktops for the device **100**.

A logical data structure **800** for managing the arrangement of windows or desktops in a window stack is shown in FIG. **8**. The logical data structure **800** can be any data structure used to store data whether an object, record, file, etc. The logical data structure **800** can be stored in any type of database or data storage system, regardless of protocol or standard. In embodiments, the logical data structure **800** includes one or more portions, fields, attributes, etc. that store data in a logical arrangement that allows for easy storage and retrieval of the information. Hereinafter, these one or more portions, fields, attributes, etc. shall be described simply as fields. The fields can store data for a window identifier **804**, dimensions **808**, a stack position identifier **812**, a display identifier **816**, and/or an active indicator **820**. Each window in a window stack can have an associated logical data structure **800**. While only a single logical data structure **800** is shown in FIG. **8**, there may be more or fewer logical data structures **800** used with a window stack (based on the number of windows or desktops in the stack), as represented by ellipses **824**. Further, there may be more or fewer fields than those shown in FIG. **8**, as represented by ellipses **828**.

A window identifier **804** can include any identifier (ID) that uniquely identifies the associated window in relation to other windows in the window stack. The window identifier **804** can be a globally unique identifier (GUID), a numeric ID, an alphanumeric ID, or other type of identifier. In embodiments, the window identifier **804** can be one, two, or any number of digits based on the number of windows that can be opened. In alternative embodiments, the size of the window identifier **804** may change based on the number of windows opened. While the window is open, the window identifier **804** may be static and remain unchanged.

Dimensions **808** can include dimensions for a window in the composite display **760**. For example, the dimensions **808** can include coordinates for two or more corners of the window or may include one coordinate and dimensions for the width and height of the window. These dimensions **808** can delineate what portion of the composite display **760** the window may occupy, which may be the entire composite display **760** or only part of composite display **760**. For example, window **4770** may have dimensions **880** that indicate that the window **770** will occupy only part of the display area for composite display **760**, as shown in FIG. **7c** through **7E**. As windows are moved or inserted in the window stack, the dimensions **808** may change.

A stack position identifier **812** can be any identifier that can identify the position in the stack for the window or may be inferred from the window's control record within a data structure, such as a list or a stack. The stack position identifier **812** can be a GUID, a numeric ID, an alphanumeric ID, or other type of identifier. Each window or desktop can include a stack position identifier **812**. For example, as shown in FIG. **7A**, window **1704** in stack **1760** can have a stack position identifier

identifier **812** of **1** identifying that window **704** is the first window in the stack **760** and the active window. Similarly, window **6724** can have a stack position identifier **812** of **3** representing that window **724** is the third window in the stack **760**. Window **2708** can also have a stack position identifier **812** of **1** representing that window **708** is the first window in the second stack **764**. As shown in FIG. **7B**, window **1744** can have a stack position identifier **812** of **1**, window **3**, rendered in portions **732** and **736**, can have a stack position identifier **812** of **3**, and window **6756** can have a stack position identifier **812** of **6**. Thus, depending on the type of stack, the stack position identifier **812** can represent a window's location in the stack.

A display identifier **816** can identify that the window or desktop is associated with a particular display, such as the first display **110** or the second display **114**, or the composite display **760** composed of both displays. While this display identifier **816** may not be needed for a multi-stack system, as shown in FIG. **7A**, the display identifier **816** can indicate whether a window in the serial stack of FIG. **7B** is displayed on a particular display. Thus, window **3** may have two portions **732** and **736** in FIG. **7B**. The first portion **732** may have a display identifier **816** for the first display while the second portion **736** may have a display identifier **816** for the second display **114**. However, in alternative embodiments, the window may have two display identifier **816** that represent that the window is displayed on both of the displays **110**, **114**, or a display identifier **816** identifying the composite display. In another alternate embodiment, the window may have a single display identifier **816** to represent that the window is displayed on both of the displays **110**, **114**.

Similar to the display identifier **816**, an active indicator **820** may not be needed with the dual stack system of FIG. **7A**, as the window in stack position **1** is active and displayed. In the system of FIG. **7B**, the active indicator **820** can indicate which window(s) in the stack is being displayed. Thus, window **3** may have two portions **732** and **736** in FIG. **7**. The first portion **732** may have an active indicator **820** while the second portion **736** may also have an active indicator **820**. However, in alternative embodiments, window **3** may have a single active indicator **820**. The active indicator **820** can be a simple flag or bit that represents that the window is active or displayed.

An embodiment of a method **900** for creating a window stack is shown in FIG. **9**. While a general order for the steps of the method **900** is shown in FIG. **9**. Generally, the method **900** starts with a start operation **904** and ends with an end operation **928**. The method **900** can include more or fewer steps or can arrange the order of the steps differently than those shown in FIG. **9**. The method **900** can be executed as a set of computer-executable instructions executed by a computer system and encoded or stored on a computer readable medium. Hereinafter, the method **900** shall be explained with reference to the systems, components, modules, software, data structures, user interfaces, etc. described in conjunction with FIGS. **1-8**.

A multi-screen device **100** can receive activation of a window, in step **908**. In embodiments, the multi-screen device **100** can receive activation of a window by receiving an input from the touch sensitive display **110** or **114**, the configurable area **112** or **116**, a gesture capture region **120** or **124**, or some other hardware sensor operable to receive user interface inputs. The processor may execute the Task Management Module **540** may receive the input. The Task Management Module **540** can interpret the input as requesting an application task to be executed that will open a window in the window stack.

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In embodiments, the Task Management Module **540** places the user interface interaction in the task stack **552** to be acted upon by the Display Configuration Module **568** of the Multi-Display Management Module **524**. Further, the Task Management Module **540** waits for information from the Multi-Display Management Module **524** to send instructions to the Window Management Module **532** to create the window in the window stack.

The Multi-Display Management Module **524**, upon receiving instruction from the Task Management Module **540**, determines to which touch portion of the composite display **760**, the newly activated window should be associated, in step **912**. For example, window **4 770** is associated with the a portion of the composite display **764**. In embodiments, the device state module **574** of the Multi-Display Management Module **524** may determine how the device is oriented or in what state the device is in, e.g., open, closed, portrait, etc. Further, the preferences module **572** and/or requirements module **580** may determine how the window is to be displayed. The gesture module **576** may determine the user's intentions about how the window is to be opened based on the type of gesture and the location of where the gesture is made.

The Display Configuration Module **568** may use the input from these modules and evaluate the current window stack **760** to determine the best place and the best dimensions, based on a visibility algorithm, to open the window. Thus, the Display Configuration Module **568** determines the best place to put the window at the top of the window stack **760**, in step **916**. The visibility algorithm, in embodiments, determines for all portions of the composite display, which windows are at the top of the stack. For example, the visibility algorithm determines that window **3 768**, window **4 770**, and window **8 774** are at the top of the stack **760** as viewed in FIGS. **7C** through **7E**. Upon determining where to open the window, the Display Configuration Module **568** can assign a display identifier **816** and possibly dimensions **808** to the window. The display identifier **816** and dimensions **808** can then be sent back to the Task Management Module **540**. The Task Management Module **540** may then assign the window a stack position identifier **812** indicating the windows position at the top of the window stack.

In embodiments, the Task Management Module **540** sends the window stack information and instructions to render the window to the Window Management Module **532**. The Window Management Module **532** and the Task Management Module **540** can create the logical data structure **800**, in step **924**. Both the Task Management Module **540** and the Window Management Module **532** may create and manage copies of the window stack. These copies of the window stack can be synchronized or kept similar through communications between the Window Management Module **532** and the Task Management Module **540**. Thus, the Window Management Module **532** and the Task Management Module **540**, based on the information determined by the Multi-Display Management Module **524**, can assign dimensions **808**, a stack position identifier **812** (e.g., window **1 782**, window **4 770**, etc.), a display identifier **816** (e.g., touch sensitive display **1 110**, touch sensitive display **2 114**, composite display identifier, etc.), and an active indicator **820**, which is generally always set when the window is at the "top" of the stack. The logical data structure **800** may then be stored by both the Window Management Module **532** and the Task Management Module **540**. Further, the Window Management Module **532** and the Task Management Module **540** may thereafter manage the window stack and the logical data structure(s) **800**.

Demand for portable electronic devices with high levels of functionality continues to rise and personal electronic devices

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continue to become increasingly more portable. While computer power, battery life, screen size and overall functionality of portable phones and smart phones continues to increase, user reliance on these devices increases. Many users of such devices rely heavily on such devices for general communication, accessing the internet, cloud computing, and accessing various locally stored information such as contact information, files, music, pictures and the like. It is often desirable therefore to connect such heavily relied on devices to an additional computing device or display, such as a monitor or tablet device, such as a SmartPad (SP) **1000** (see FIG. **10**).

Accordingly, it is desirable for the device **100** to be able to interface with an additional device, such as the SmartPad **1000**, that enables functionality similar to, for example, both a tablet computer system and smart phone. Furthermore, a need exists for the above-described device to allow for various pre-existing features of both devices, such as sending and receiving phone calls and further allowing for the accessibility of applications running on the device **100**. A need also exists for the above device **100** to provide the benefits of both a tablet computer system and cellular phone in one integrative device by allowing for common operations and functionality without compromising the form factor of the device.

One exemplary embodiment is directed toward a selectively removable device and smartpad system. The smartpad system is discussed in greater detail hereinafter, and can have various features for complementing the communications device, such as a smart phone or device **100**. For example, the smartpad may supplement the device **100** by providing increased screen size, increased processor size, increased battery or power supply, or the like. Similarly, the device **100** may compliment the SP **1000** by providing connectivity through one or more wireless networks, access to various stored information, and the like. It will expressly recognized therefore that two or more devices of the present invention may be provided in a connected or docked and generally symbiotic relationship. It will further be recognized that the devices provide various features, benefits and functionality in their independent state(s).

In accordance with one exemplary embodiment, the device **100** is capable of being received by the SP **1000** through a recessed feature of the SP **1000** having corresponding dimensions to the device **100**. In one exemplary embodiment, the SP **1000** is provided and preferably sized for receiving a predetermined device **100**. In alternative embodiments, however, it is contemplated that the SP **1000** is provided, the smartpad capable of receiving a plurality of communications devices of different sizes. In such embodiments, the SP **1000** may receive communications devices of various sizes by, for example, the inclusion of additional elements, such as spacers and various adjustable features.

In accordance with one exemplary embodiment, the device **100** and SP **1000** have a docking relationship that is established when the device **100** is connected to the SP **1000** during various modes of operation. For example, in one embodiment, a system is provided comprising the SP **1000** and the device **100**, the SP **1000** capable of physically receiving the device **100**, wherein the device **100** is operable as the primary computing device. In such an embodiment, the SP **1000** may, for example, simply provide enhanced audio and visual features for the device **100** that comprises its own CPU, memory, and the like. It is further contemplated that the system can be placed in a mode of operation wherein the device **100** docked to the SP **1000** provide it in a more passive mode where, for example, the device **100** draws power from the SP **1000** such as to recharge a battery of the device **100**.

In accordance with another exemplary embodiment, the device **100** and SP **1000** are provided wherein the device **100** is received or docked with the SP **1000** and wherein a substantial area of the device **100** is positioned within one or more compartments of the SP **1000**. For example, where as various known devices comprise docking features which require or result in the docked item to be generally exposed, thereby substantially altering the external dimensions of the host device and/or creating a potential for damaging one or both devices upon impact, an exemplary embodiment contemplates the SP **1000** which receives the device **100** in a manner such that the external dimensions of the SP **1000** are not substantially altered when the devices are connected. In such an arrangement, the device **100** and associated connection means are generally protected and the SP **1000** is allowed to substantially maintain its original shape. In accordance with one exemplary embodiment, the SP **1000** is capable of receiving and/or docking the device **100** wherein the device **100** is received in lockable association with the SP **1000**. As used herein, the term “lockable” is not intended to designate or limit it to any particular arrangement. Rather, lockable is intended to refer to various embodiments as described herein and will be recognized by one of ordinary skill in the art. In one embodiment, the device **100** is connectable to the SP **1000** wherein the SP **1000** comprises extension springs for first electively securing the device **100** in a docked manner and an ejection feature for releasing the device **100** from the SP **1000**. Moreover, as will be described in greater detail below, it should be appreciated that the device **100** and SP **1000** can communicate using wired and/or wireless technology(ies) with equal success. Moreover, and in accordance with another exemplary embodiment, the hinged device **100** is selectively connectable to the SP **1000** wherein the device **100** is received by the SP **1000** in an open position and where in one or more preexisting ports of the SP **1000** correspond with internal receiving features of the SP **1000**, such that the device **100** and the SP **1000** may be operated simultaneously in various modes of use.

In accordance with some exemplary embodiments, the SP **1000** is provided with an eject or release button to facilitate the removal of a stored or docked device **100**.

FIG. **10** illustrates an exemplary SmartPad (SP) **1000** according to an exemplary embodiment. The exemplary SmartPad at least provides a larger touch sensitive display operatively coupleable to device **100**.

While the following description uses the term “smart” in conjunction with the display device **1000**, it is to be appreciated that this term does not necessarily connote that there is intelligence in the SmartPad. Rather, it is to be appreciated that there can be “intelligence,” including one or more of a processor(s), memory, storage, display drivers, etc., in the SmartPad, and/or one or more of these elements shared with the device **100** via, for example, one or more of a port, bus, connection, or the like. In general, any one or more of the functions of the device **100** is extendable to the SmartPad **1000** and vice versa.

The exemplary SmartPad **1000** includes a screen **1004**, a SP touch sensitive display **1010**, a SP configurable area **1008**, a SP gesture capture region(s) **1020** and a SP camera **1016**. The SP **1000** also includes a port (not visible in this orientation) adapted to receive the device **100** as illustrated at least in FIG. **11**.

The device **100** docks with the SmartPad **1000** via the port on the SP **1000** and the corresponding port **136** on device **100**. As discussed, port **136** in some embodiments is an input/output port (I/O port) that allows the device **100** to be connected to other peripheral devices, such as a display, key-

board, printing device and/or SP **1000**. In accordance with one exemplary embodiment, the docking is accomplished by the device **100** sliding into the left-hand side of the SP **1000**, with the device **100** being in an open state and the device **100** engaging a port in the SP **1000** corresponding to port **136**. In accordance with one exemplary embodiment, the device **100** engages a doored cassette-like slot in the SP **1000** into which the device **100** slides. (See for example FIGS. **13A-B**) It should be appreciated however that there may be other configurations for physically and electrically engaging the two devices—in general, the manner of engagement is not important provided the device **100** and SP **1000** are in electrical communication with one another.

The SP **1000** includes a screen **1004**. In some embodiments, the entire front surface of the SP **1000** may be touch sensitive and capable of receiving input by a user touching the front surface of the screen **1004**. The screen **1004** includes touch sensitive display **1010**, which, in addition to being touch sensitive, is also capable of displaying information to a user.

The screen **1004** also includes a configurable area **1008** that has been configured for specific inputs when the user touches portions of the configurable area **1008**. Area **1012a** is configured to receive a “back” input indicating that a user would like to view information previously displayed. Area **1012b** is configured to receive a “menu” input indicating that the user would like to view options from a menu. Area **1012c** is configured to receive a “home” input indicating that the user would like to view information associated with a “home” view.

In other embodiments, areas **1012a-c** may be configured, in addition to the configurations described above, for other types of specific inputs including controlling features of device **100** and/or device **1000**, some non-limiting examples including adjusting overall system power, adjusting the volume, adjusting the brightness, adjusting the vibration, selecting of displayed items on screen **1004**, operating the SP camera **1016**, operating a microphone, and initiating/terminating of telephone calls. Also, in some embodiments, areas **1012a-c** may be configured for specific inputs depending upon the application running on device **100**/SP **1000** and/or information displayed on the touch sensitive displays **1010**.

In addition to touch sensing, screen **1004** may also include areas that receive input from a user without requiring the user to touch the display area of the screen. For example, screen **1004** can include gesture capture area **1020**. These areas are able to receive input by recognizing gestures made by a user without the need for the user to actually touch the surface of the display area. In comparison to touch sensitive display **1010** and **1014**, the gesture capture area **1020** may not be capable of rendering a displayed image.

While not illustrated, there may also be a number of hardware components within SP **1000**. As illustrated in FIG. **10**, SP **1000** can include a speaker, a microphone and one or more cameras **1016**. Upon docking the device **100** in the SP **1000**, the corresponding device(s) (e.g., the speaker) in the device **100** could be disabled in favor of the speaker in the SP **1000**. Similarly, other components, such as the screen **1004**, microphone, speaker, etc, could be disabled on the device **100** in favor of the SP **1000**.

In general, the touch sensitive display **1010** may comprise a full color, touch sensitive display. A second area within each touch sensitive screen **1004** may comprise the SP gesture capture region **1020**. The SP gesture capture region **1020** may comprise an area or region that is outside of the SP touch sensitive display **1010** area that is capable of receiving input, for example in the form of gestures provided by a user. How-

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ever, the SP gesture capture region **1020** does not necessarily include pixels that can perform a display function or capability.

A third region of the SP touch sensitive screen **1004** may comprise the configurable area **1008**. The configurable area **1008** is capable of receiving input and has display or limited display capabilities. In embodiments, the configurable area **1008** may present different input options to the user. For example, the configurable area **1008** may display buttons or other relatable items. Moreover, the identity of displayed buttons, or whether any buttons are displayed at all within the configurable area **1008** of the SP touch sensitive screen **1004** may be determined from the context in which the device **1000** is used and/or operated. In an exemplary embodiment, the touch sensitive screen **1004** comprise liquid crystal display devices extending across at least those regions of the touch sensitive screen **1004** that is capable of providing visual output to a user, and a capacitive input matrix over those regions of the touch sensitive screen **1004** that is capable of receiving input from the user.

As discussed above with reference to FIGS. **4A** through **4H**, the various graphical representations of gesture inputs that may be recognized by the screens **104**, **108** are also recognizable by screen **1004**. As discussed, the gestures may be performed not only by a user's body part, such as a digit, but also by other devices, such as a stylus, that may be sensed by the contact sensing portion(s) of a screen **1004**. In general, gestures are interpreted differently, based on where the gestures are performed (either directly on the display **1004** or in the gesture capture region **1020**). For example, gestures in the display **1010** may be directed to a desktop or application, and gestures in the gesture capture region **1020** may be interpreted as for the system.

In addition to the above, the SP touch sensitive screen **1004** may also have an area that assists a user with identifying which portion of the screen is in focus. This could be a bar of light or in general an indicator that identifies which one or more portions of the SP touch sensitive screen **1004** are in focus. (See for example, FIG. **29**)

One or more display controllers (such as display controllers **216a**, **216b** and/or dedicated display controller(s) on the SP **1000**) may be provided for controlling the operation of the touch sensitive screen **1004** including input (touch sensing) and output (display) functions.

In accordance with one exemplary embodiment, a separate touch screen controller is provided for the SP **1000** in addition to each of the controllers for the touch screens **104** and **108**. In accordance with alternate embodiments, a common or shared touch screen controller may be used to control any one or more of the touch sensitive screens **104** and **108**, and/or **1004**. In accordance with still other embodiments, the functions of the touch screen controllers may be incorporated into other components, such as a processor and memory or dedicated graphics chip(s).

In a similar manner, the SP **1000** may include a processor complementary to the processor **204**, either of which may comprise a general purpose programmable processor or controller for executing application programming or instructions. In accordance with at least some embodiments, the processors may include multiple processor cores, and/or implement multiple virtual processors. In accordance with still other embodiments, the processors may include multiple physical processors. As a particular example, the processors may comprise a specially configured application specific integrated circuit (ASIC) or other integrated circuit, a digital signal processor, a controller, a hardwired electronic or logic circuit, a programmable logic device or gate array, a special purpose

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computer, or the like. The processors generally function to run programming code or instructions implementing various functions of the device **100** and/or SP **1000**.

The SP **1000** can also optionally be equipped with an audio input/output interface/device(s) (not shown) to provide analog audio to an interconnected speaker or other device, and to receive analog audio input from a connected microphone or other device. As an example, the audio input/output interface/device(s) **256** may comprise an associated amplifier and analog to digital converter usable with SP **1000**. Alternatively or in addition, the device **100** can include an integrated audio input/output device **256** and/or an audio jack for interconnecting an external speaker or microphone via SP **1000**. For example, an integrated speaker and an integrated microphone can be provided, to support near talk or speaker phone operations.

Hardware buttons (not shown) but similar to hardware buttons **158** can be included for example for use in connection with certain control operations. Examples include a master power switch, volume control, etc., as described in conjunction with FIGS. **1A** through **1J**. One or more image capture interfaces/devices **1016**, such as a camera, can be included for capturing still and/or video images. Alternatively or in addition, an image capture interface/device **1016** can include a scanner or code reader. An image capture interface/device **1016** can include or be associated with additional elements, such as a flash or other light sources.

Communications between various components of the device **100** and SP **1000** can be carried by one or more buses and/or communications channels. In addition, power can be supplied to one or more of the components of the device **100** and SP **1000** from a power source and/or power control module **260**. The power control module **260** and/or device **100** and/or SP **1000** can, for example, include a battery, an AC to DC converter, power control logic, and/or ports for interconnecting the device **100/1000** to an external source of power.

The middleware **520** may also be any software or data that allows the multiple processes running on the devices to interact. In embodiments, at least portions of the middleware **520** and the discrete components described herein may be considered part of the OS **516** or an application **564**. However, these portions will be described as part of the middleware **520**, but those components are not so limited. The middleware **520** can include, but is not limited to, a Multi-Display Management (MDM) class **524**, a Surface Cache class **528**, a Window Management class **532**, an Activity Management class **536**, an Application Management class **540**, a display control block, one or more frame buffers **548**, an activity stack **552**, and/or an event buffer **556**—all of the functionality thereof extendable to the SP **1000**. A class can be any group of two or more modules that have related functionality or are associated in a software hierarchy.

The MDM class **524** also includes one or more modules that are operable to manage the display of applications or other data on the screen of the SP **1000**. An embodiment of the MDM class **524** is described in conjunction with FIG. **5B**. In embodiments, the MDM class **524** receives inputs from the OS **516**, the drivers **512** and the applications **564**. The inputs assist the MDM class **524** in determining how to display the information required by the user. Once a determination for display configurations is determined, the MDM class **524** can bind the applications **564** to a display configuration. The configuration may then be provided to one or more other components to generate the display on the SP **1000**.

FIG. **11** illustrates an exemplary embodiment showing the device **100** docking with the SP **1000**. More specifically, the device **100** is being inserted into a slot (not shown) on the SP

1000. On completion of the inserting of device **100** into SP **1000** (See FIG. **12**), device **100** communicates with the SP **1000** via bus or other wired or wireless electrical means **1204**. The device **100** is also connected with, for example, the camera/video camera **1016**, microphone (Mic), and power port **1208**.

In conjunction with the docking of device **100** with SP **1000**, one or more of the devices can begin power management. For example, one or more of the device **100** and SP **1000** can include power supplies, such as batteries, solar, or in general any electrical supply, any one or more of which being usable to supply one or more of the device **100** and SP **1000**. Furthermore, through the use of, for example, an AC power adaptor connected to port **1208**, the SP **1000** can supply power to device **100**, such as to charge device **100**. It will be appreciated that the power management functionality described herein can be distributed between one or more of the device **100** and SP **1000**, with power being sharable between the two devices.

In addition to power management functions, upon the device **100** being docked with the SP **1000**, the displays on device **100** can be turned off to, for example, save power. Furthermore, electrical connections are established between the device **100** and SP **1000** such that the speaker, microphone, display, input capture region(s), inputs, and the like, received by SP **1000** are transferrable to device **100**. Moreover, the display on device **1000** is enabled such that information that would have been displayed on one or more of the touch sensitive displays **110** and **114** is displayed on touch sensitive display **1010**. As will be discussed in greater detail herein, the SP **1000** can emulate the dual display configuration of the device **100** on the single display **1010**.

The SP **1000** can optionally be equipped with the headphone jack **1212** and power button **1216**. Moreover, any hardware buttons or user input buttons on the device **100** could be extended to and replicated on the SP **1000**.

This dock event between the device **100** and SP **1000** can be seen as states **336** or **344** in FIG. **3A**. As will be appreciated, and in accordance with one of the illustrative embodiments herein, the device **100** is docked with SP **1000** with the device being in the open state **210**. However, it is to be appreciated that the device **100** can be docked with the SP **1000** in the closed state **304**, or docked via, for example, a cable without the device **100** necessarily being inserted into the SP **1000**.

FIGS. **13A-B** illustrate application reorientation according to an exemplary embodiment of the invention. In particular, FIG. **13A** illustrates the device **100** being inserted into the SP **1000**. Before being associated with the SP **1000**, the device **100** has two applications, both in the landscape mode, represented by application “B” in landscape on a first screen and application “C” in landscape on a second screen (partially obscured by SP **1000**).

FIG. **13B** illustrates the re-orientation of the windows for the two applications based on the device **100** being associated with the SP **1000**, the SP **1000** being in the landscape orientation. In accordance with this exemplary embodiment, application “B” on the device **100** is re-oriented to be in the portrait orientation on the SP **1000**, and in a similar manner, application “C” on the device **100** is reoriented to the portrait orientation on the right-hand side the touch sensitive display **1010**. As will be appreciated, the reorientation of the application(s) from the device **100** to the SP **1000** can occur in a similar manner for a single application running on the device **100**. For example, if there is only one application running on device **100**, and the application is running in landscape mode, when the device **100** is docked with the SP **1000**, the orientation of

the application is reoriented to be appropriate for the current orientation of the SP **1000**. For example, if the application on the device **100** is in portrait mode, and the SP **1000** is in landscape mode, the application is reoriented from portrait mode on the device **100** to landscape mode on the SP **1000**. In a similar manner, if the application on the device is in landscape mode, and upon being docked to the SP **1000** in portrait mode, the application is reoriented into portrait mode for appropriate viewing on the SP **1000**.

In accordance with one exemplary embodiment, the accelerometer **176** on device **100** is used to determine the orientation of both the device **100** and SP **1000**, and consequently the orientation of the touch screen display **1010**. Therefore, the accelerometer(s) **176** outputs a signal that is used in connection with the display of information to control the orientation and/or format in which information is to be displayed to the user on display **1010**. As is to be appreciated, reorientation can include one or more of a portrait to landscape conversion, a landscape to portrait conversion, a resizing, a re-proportioning and/or a redrawing of the window(s) associated with the application(s).

On reorienting of the running application(s), the application(s) is displayed on display **1010** on SP **1000**.

In accordance with an optional exemplary embodiment, priority can be given to the application that is in focus. For example, and using again applications “B” and “C” as illustrated in FIG. **13B**, if instead application C was in focus before docking, application C could be reoriented and displayed on the left-hand portion of display **1010**, and application B, which was not in focus before docking, displayed on the right-hand portion of display **1010** upon docking.

In accordance with another optional embodiment, the application in focus could be displayed in full-screen mode on display **1010** with the application(s) not in focus placed into a window stack that is, for example, in a carousel-type arrangement as discussed hereinafter.

FIG. **14** illustrates an exemplary embodiment of a single application mode for the SP **1000**. In the single application mode, all applications are launched and displayed in full screen. The single application mode can be indicated by a multi-tasking icon in the annunciator bar, or at some other location on screen **1004**.

Displaying of the application(s) are managed by one or more of the display controller **544**, framework **520**, window management module **532**, display configuration module **568**, as well as middleware **520** and associated classes. In single application mode, all dual screen capable applications can be launched in either a dual screen or max mode, where the application is displayed substantially filling the display **1010**. This is applicable to when the SP **1000** is either in the portrait mode, as illustrated in FIG. **14**, or in the landscape mode, as illustrated in FIG. **15**. In these figures, the “A” represents the single application with the X1, X2 being variables representing the coordinates and/or location of the window in which the application “A” is to be displaced. A similar notation is used hereinafter for the multi-application mode, with it being appreciated that, for example, X1 may contain the coordinate information for the displaying of the window for a first application, and X2 may contain the coordinate information for the displaying of a window corresponding to a second application, and so on.

Therefore, in one exemplar embodiment, when a single application is executed, a single application can launch in the full screen mode and can be correlated to the max mode as discussed in relation to FIG. **61** where a single application spans both screens of the device **100**. This max mode is applicable to both the portrait and landscape orientations as

illustrated in FIG. 14 and FIG. 15 with the display configuration module 568 appropriately (re)sizing the window for the application to fit on substantially all or all of the display 1010.

This resizing can occur regardless of whether a native application on the device 100 actually supports the orientation of the SP 1000. Therefore, even if the application does not support a particular orientation on device 100, the display configuration module 568 can appropriately re-render and/or re-size the window for the application for appropriate display on the SP 1000.

FIG. 16 and FIG. 17 illustrate an exemplary method of rendering a single application, that is a dual screen application, in the portrait max mode and landscape max mode, respectively. More specifically, in FIG. 16, the rendering of a dual screen application in portrait mode will display on display 1010 one of the two screens substantially or completely filling display 1010. A user then, for example using a gesture, could scroll between the two screens of the single application. In the landscape mode, as illustrated in FIG. 17, the screen 1010 is divided into a first portion 1704 and a second portion 1708. In this exemplary embodiment, the first screen of the dual screen application is rendered in first portion 1704, and the second screen of the dual screen application is rendered in the second portion 1708. While a certain portion of the screen 1010 is illustratively logically divided for the first portion 1704 and the second portion 1708, it should be appreciated that the screen real estate assigned to each portion can vary, for example, based on one or more of optimum display for the window(s), type of information being displayed in each portion, user preferences, rules associated with the application, and/or the like.

In accordance with a first example, the first portion is allocated one third of the screen 1010's resolution, while the second portion 1708 is allocated two thirds of the screen real estate. In accordance with another example, the screen 1010 is split 50/50. In accordance with yet another example, the first portion could be allocated 70% of the screen 1010's real estate, while the second portion 1708 could be allocated 30%. The managing and resizing of these windows can again be done in cooperation with the display configuration module 568, as well as the windows management module 532 and display controllers for successful rendering of the location of the window(s) on the SP 1000.

As will be appreciated, and in a manner similar to the operation of device 1000, should the SP 1000 change orientation (e.g., from landscape to portrait or vice versa) the window(s) for the application(s) can be redrawn in the appropriate orientation taking into account window prioritization based on whether a particular application and current focus is for a dual screen application or a single screen application.

Focus can also be taken into consideration when determining which window of the application should be displayed when the SP 1000 is in the portrait position. For example, if the application is an e-mail client, and the application natively is displayed on dual screens on device 1000 (a first screen being directed toward showing inbox content, and the second screen being a preview window for a specific item in the inbox) the system can evaluate which window is currently in focus, and ensure that window is displayed in the portrait max mode when the SP 1000 is in the portrait orientation.

In FIG. 17 the SP 1000 is configured to merge windows from the dual screen application on to a single display 1010. In this landscape orientation, data (e.g., a single image, application, window, icon, video, etc.) from a first window is displayed in a first portion of the display 1010 while data (e.g., a single image, application, window, icon, video, etc.) is shown in a second portion of the display 1010. Similar to

other output configurations, it may be possible to transition the SP 1000 from the shown output configuration to any other output configuration described herein, depending on, for example, into which state the SP 1000 is moved.

Some other exemplary embodiments of windows management within the SP 1000 upon the device 100 docking with the SP 1000 are as follows: For example, a device 100 is docked to the SP 1000, with the SP 1000 in a portrait orientation and there are two single-screen applications running on the device 1000, the application in focus is placed in a lower portion of the display 1010, and the application not in focus is placed on an upper portion of the display 1010. Another exemplary scenario, where the device 100 is docked to a portrait-oriented SP 1000 where one dual-screen application is running on the device 100 and the SP 1000 is in a dual application mode, applies gravity drop as discussed herein.

In another exemplary scenario, where the device 100 is running two single-screen applications, and the SP 1000 is in a landscape dual application mode, the first application is assigned to a first portion of the display 1010 and the second application is assigned to a second portion of the display 1010.

In yet another exemplary scenario where the device 100 is running one dual-screen application and the SP 1000 is in dual application landscape mode, both screens of the dual screen application can be shown on the SP 1000.

Stickiness can also apply to the SP 1000 such that, for example, when a first application is in focus, upon docking to a single application mode SP 1000, the application remains visible after docking. As another example of stickiness, if a second application is in focus upon docking to a single application mode SP 1000, application two remains visible after docking.

In accordance with another example, the device 100 is running one dual-screen application and is docked to a landscape-oriented SP 1000 in max mode, the windows are re-oriented to be side-by-side, opposed to one above the other.

FIG. 18 through FIG. 21 generally illustrate the management and display of a virtual keyboard 1804 on display 1010. More specifically, in FIG. 18, in portrait mode, the virtual keyboard 1804 is positioned below application area 1808, where an application is displayed in, for example, max mode. In general, it is preferred that the keyboard can be glued to the lower-portion of the display 1010, regardless of whether the SP is in the landscape or portrait mode. However, it is to be appreciated that, for example, based on user preferences, the screen can be glued to another portion of the screen, or can be moved to another location via, for example, a gesture. In FIG. 18, the application area 1808 displays, for example, a standard application with the virtual keyboard 1804 being displayed in the lower portion of display 1010. In FIG. 19, for example, the application area 1908 is showing a dual-screen enabled application in max mode. The keyboard 1804 is again similarly displayed in the lower portion of the display 1010.

In FIG. 20, in SP landscape mode, the keyboard 1804 is displayed in the lower portion of display 1010 with the application area 2004 substantially or completely filling the displayable area above the keyboard 1804. In FIG. 21, the SP is again in landscape mode and displaying a dual-screen enabled application in max mode, the application area 2104 and application area 22108, the keyboard 1804 is displayed below the two application areas.

In general, in the embodiments illustrated in FIG. 18 through FIG. 21, a first determination is made as to whether a keyboard should be displayed. If the keyboard is to be displayed, the next determination is made as to the orientation of the SP. If the SP is in a portrait mode, the virtual keyboard is

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presented also in a portrait mode, preferable on the lower portion of the screen. If the SP is in a landscape mode, the keyboard is optionally re-sized to be substantially displayed on a lower portion of the display with, for example, one or more application windows being located above the virtual keyboard. With the orientation of the SP change, the keyboard is also reoriented to be coincident with the orientation of the SP. Similarly, when the keyboard is no longer required, the keyboard is hidden with the application area(s) being expanded to again substantially fill the display **1010**.

FIG. **22** and FIG. **23** illustrate exemplary methods of managing window positions on the SP **1000**. In particular, in FIG. **22**, application X **2204** is in view on display **1010**. On receiving user input, such as the swipe motion represented by **2208** in the gesture capture region **1020**, application X is “scrolled” to the left to be replaced with the dual-screen application A1/A2, as shown in FIG. **23**. If the same gesture **2208** were to be repeated again, application Z would come into view. Similarly, if in FIG. **22** gesture **2208** was in the opposite direction, to the right, application Y would come into view on display **1010**. Scrolling through available windows is of course applicable to both the landscape and portrait mode of the SP in a similar manner. For example, in portrait mode, instead of the gesture traversing from left to right or right to left, the gesture could traverse in a downward motion, or in an upward motion, with the virtual stacks of the windows being located “above” or “below” the device, similar to a rolodex. Thus, when the user initiates a downward type gesture, the next application “above” is displayed on display **1010**.

FIG. **24** illustrates the multi application mode of the SP **1000**, wherein in the multi application mode the SP **1000** emulates the device **100** in its mini-tablet form—with this mode optionally being invoked by selection of a multi application button (shown and described hereinafter). A simplified way of understanding this mode is to appreciate that the mode emulates the device **100** being opened. In this multi application mode, the SP **1000** can inherit the rules regarding the display of information on the device **100**—For example, that all applications are launched in single screen mode. One exception could be applications that support a max mode can be by default automatically expanded to this mode if provided the opportunity.

In this mode, each application has the ability to determine how the application appears in each orientation (e.g., portrait and landscape).

FIG. **26** illustrates an exemplary method of managing the multiple application mode of the SP **1000**. In the multiple application mode, multiple applications can be managed and displayed within the display **1010**. In multi application mode, the SP **1000** having the single screen emulates the dual screens of the device **100**. To initiate the multiple application mode, a button/toggle **2618** is selected, which allows the user to select multiple applications for display in the display **1010**. In this exemplary embodiment, a first application **2604** C, is shown in the upper-portion of the portrait mode SP **1000** and a second application **2608** D, is shown in a lower-portion of screen **1010**. In conjunction with the displaying of multiple applications in the multiple application mode, focus indicator **2616** can be provided to assist the user with identifying which application is in focus. As discussed, this focus indicator **2616** can be a light bar, or other indicator (such as an indicator in the screen **1010** or beside **2608**) drawing the user’s attention to which application is in focus. In the exemplary embodiment in FIG. **26**, application D **2608** is in focus as represented by the focus indicator **2616**. In accordance with this exemplary embodiment, and while the focus indicator **2616** is shown in the gesture capture region **1020**, it should be appreciated that

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the focus indicator could be located in some other portion of the SP **1000**. For example, the window for the application in focus could be slightly re-sized to allow for the display of a bar of pixels adjacent to the window, which would similarly alert the user to the fact that that application is in focus. Similarly, the application in focus could appear at normal brightness while the application not in focus could be slightly dimmed. In general, any technique could be used to assist the user in readily determining which application is in focus.

To change focus, a user could use any of the gestures discussed herein or could, for example, simply touch the area where application C is displayed, thereby changing focus to application C, at which point a corresponding relocation of the focus indicator **2616** to adjacent to application C would occur.

FIG. **27** illustrates a similar scenario for a landscape mode SP **1000**. In particular, and upon selection of the multi application mode, the display **1010** is divided between, in this example, a first application D **2712**, and a second application F **2708**. Here, application D is displayed on the right-hand portion of display **1010** and application F displayed on the left-hand portion of display **1010**. While in this exemplary embodiment, the display real estate is split 50/50 between the two applications, it should be appreciated that one application could be displayed on a larger portion of the display **1010** than the other. In this particular exemplary embodiment, application D is in focus, as represented by focus indicator **2416**.

In the multiple application mode, in both portrait and landscape orientations, each application could have its own associated window stack as shown in FIG. **22** and FIG. **23**, or there could be one stack shared between all of the displayed applications. More specifically, if each application has its own stack, with a stack structure similar to that illustrated in FIG. **22**, a stack would be available for the first application, such as application X, and a similar stack would be available for application Y. Each of these stacks could be independently scrolled through using, for example, a gesture as discussed above.

FIG. **28** illustrates an exemplary method for managing screen display characteristics according to another embodiment of this invention. In accordance with this embodiment, a determination is made whether an application can be maximized, and if it can be maximized, it is expanded to the dual screen mode or max mode, as appropriate, to substantially fill the display **1010** as illustrated in the figure. Here, application E1, which is an application that can be maximized, has been expanded using the max mode to substantially or completely fill display **1010**.

In FIG. **28**, button **2618** allows a user to toggle between a single screen mode (as illustrated in FIG. **28**) and an emulated dual screen mode, for example, as illustrated in FIG. **26** and FIG. **27**. Here, button **2618** does not include the “I” therefore indicating to the user the SP **1000** is in single screen mode.

FIG. **29** illustrates an exemplary method of managing windows. In this exemplary embodiment, and similar to the operation of the device **100**, when the last application in the stack is moved to the side, the desktop is displayed. Even more specifically, as shown in FIG. **29**, application F **2908** is displayed in an upper portion of display **1010** and the desktop **2912** is displayed in the lower portion of display **1010**. Here the desktop is in focus, as illustrated by the focus indicator **2916**. This configuration is available since the user has selected the dual-screen emulation mode button **2618**.

FIG. **30** illustrates an exemplary method of displaying a keyboard according to one embodiment. In particular, when the SP is in portrait mode, the SP will have a keyboard area **3004** and an application area **3008**. Upon display of the key-

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board **3004**, the application in application area **3008** is resized to substantially or completely fill the area of the screen not occupied by the keyboard **3004**.

FIG. **31A** and FIG. **31B** illustrate desktop availability in both the single application mode and dual application mode in both the SP landscape mode and SP portrait mode. In particular, and in accordance with an exemplary embodiment, the desktop **3104** will occupy the entirety of the screen **1010**. Additionally, and in accordance with this exemplary embodiment where the desktop is shown in a full-screen mode, the annunciator bar **1312** can be expanded across the entirety of the screen **1010**. This can occur in both the portrait mode as shown in FIG. **31A** as well as the landscape mode as illustrated in FIG. **31B**. From here, upon selection of the application launcher **3116**, the application launcher can optionally expand across the entirety of the screen **1010** in either the portrait or landscape mode. Similarly, the file explorer, which is launched by pressing the file explorer button **3120**, can be similarly expanded into substantially all or all of the screen **1010** space.

FIG. **32A** and FIG. **32B** illustrate screen redrawing that may be required to transition the desktop from the device **100** to the SP **1000**. In particular, in FIG. **32A**, six exemplary desktop panels are shown **3204-3224**. These desktop panels are moveable in a carousel-like fashion based on gesture input from a user. However, it may not be possible to directly translate these panels to display correctly on the SP **1000** without the panels being distorted or not occupying the entirety of the screen **1010**. Accordingly, in accordance with one exemplary embodiment, one or more of the panels **3204-3224** can be resized when displayed on the SP **1000** to accommodate all or substantially all of the screen **1010**. In accordance with another exemplary embodiment, more than two of the panels can be shown on the screen **1010**, such as a portion of panel **D2 3208**, a portion of panel **D3 3212** and a portion of panel **D4 3216**. In this manner, the desktop illustrated on the SP **1000** will have a similar look-and-feel to the desktop panels shown on device **100**. The same carousel-like motion is available via a gesture input to the SP **1000** such that a user can scroll to the one or more panels of the desktop.

FIG. **33** illustrates an exemplary notifications display that behaves on the SP **1000** in a very similar manner to that of the device **100**. In particular, and whether in the portrait or landscape mode, notifications and status/toggle buttons are provided that allow the user to, for example, toggle on or off Bluetooth®, WiFi, screen lock, dual or single screen mode, power options, and the like. These, as well as other options, are generally shown in area **3304**. Additional notifications can also be shown in area **3308** including one or more of carrier information, notification information, communication information, and the like as discussed above.

In more detail, area **3304** provides some buttons for standard widgets such as WiFi toggle on and off, Bluetooth® toggle on and off, and the like. The screen lock toggle can allow, for example, user to lock the screen thereby prohibiting it from rotating despite the orientation of the SP **1000**. The toggle can change color or display characteristics to indicate whether screen lock has been enabled. The single/dual application mode button toggles, for example, three different states including a dual application mode state, a single application mode state, and a single application lock state. The power mode toggle toggles between a handset optimized, SP optimized, hybrid power consumption, or of the like. These power modes can be associated with power levels, as indicated by the two battery status indicators **3312** and **3316** which correspond to the power levels in the device **100** and SP **1000**, respectively.

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FIG. **34A** and FIG. **34B** show exemplary methods of launching and displaying the application launcher upon selection of the application launcher button **3116**. In both the portrait mode illustrated in FIG. **34A** and landscape mode illustrated in **34B**, and when the SP is in single application mode, the application launcher can appear in a bubble so as to not necessarily take up the entirety of the screen **1010**. However, for example, upon receiving an appropriate gesture or input by the user, the application launcher can be expanded to take up the entirety of the screen **1010**. This could further be classified in a preference such that the default is to always open the application launcher in a bubble so as to not take up the entirety of the screen **1010**, or to always open in full screen mode, taking up substantially all or all of the screen **1010**.

FIG. **35A** and FIG. **35B** illustrate an optional embodiment whereby the system could provide “hints” as to the content of desktop panels that are not fully in view. More specifically, FIG. **35A** shows the first embodiment of the desktop panels **D1-D6, 3504-3524** respectively. As discussed, a user is able to scroll through these panels in a carousel-type fashion, revealing any of the content in **D1-D6**. In accordance with the optional embodiment illustrated in FIG. **35B**, where the same panels **D1-D6** are available for viewing by user, the user is given a preview of one or more adjacent panels, here **D2 3508** and **D5 3520**. In this configuration, this user is able to “peek” at the content of the adjacent panel(s) without necessarily scrolling in a carousel like fashion to view the entirety of the panel. More specifically, the entirety of panel **D3 3512** and **D4 3516** is shown on the display **1010**. In addition, approximately one third of panel **D2 3508** and one third of panel **D5 3520** are also shown on the display **1010**. As will be appreciated, more or less of panels **D2** and **D5** could be shown, with the greater of the panel being shown, the more visibility into that portion of the desktop the user would have.

FIG. **36** illustrates an optional embodiment for managing in a multiple application mode the stack of windows. This elegant method reinforces the conceptual model and assists the user with visualizing spatially the “carousel” type arrangement of the stack in the multi application mode. As is to be appreciated, while the exemplary embodiment shown in FIG. **36** is directed toward portrait mode of SP **1000**, it can work equally well in the landscape mode with the difference being instead of the carousel rotating from a top to bottom or bottom to top type arrangement, the “carousel” could be manipulated in a left to right or right to left type operation. However, the carousel could also work in a top to bottom or bottom to top mode in landscape mode as well.

In this exemplary embodiment, when multi-application mode is enabled via button **2618**, application **C 3604** and application **D 3608** can be displayed, separated by separator **3612**. In accordance with this optional exemplary embodiment, there are also one or more overflow applications behind application **C 3604**, here the overflow applications being **3424** and **3428**. In a similar manner, there can be one or more overflow applications behind application **D 3608**, here application **3416** and application **3420**. In this particular exemplary embodiment, the back and menu buttons **3432** can be enabled with a portion of the desktop **3436** being viewable behind the application stack. Upon receipt of one or more input gestures, such as gesture **3440**, a user can scroll through the “carousel” of applications, in this instance, relocating application **D 3608** to application **C 3604**’s position, and thereby revealing application **3416**. In addition, the focus indicator can be displayed near the application that is in focus. In this particular example, focus indicator **3444** is displayed beside application **D**. In accordance with an optional exemplary embodiment, instead of the stack “stopping” when the

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user reaches the last application, such as application 3420 or application 3428, the applications can be stacked in a circular manner, and continuously rotate in response to one or more input gestures by a user.

These concepts can be extended to the situation where the keyboard is also displayed in the multiple application mode. For example, and as illustrated in FIG. 37, the keyboard 3704 is displayed below the application stack 3708. “Behind” the application stack 3708, are additional applications 3712 and 3716 that the user can access via, for example, initiation of gesture 3720. This exemplary embodiment has the applications scroll in a carousel-like fashion into and out of view, with the keyboard 3704 remaining visible, for example, at the bottom of display 1010. As with the embodiment in FIG. 35, the back and menu buttons can be enabled and, for example, virtually displayed on the display 1010 as illustrated by graphical button 3724.

FIG. 38 outlines an exemplary method for docking the device 100 with the smartpad 1000. In particular, control begins in step S3802 and continues to step S3804. In step S3804 the insertion of the device into the SP is detected. Next, in step S3806, power management can optionally begin. For example, and as discussed, the SP can be used as a power source for the device, the device can be used as a power source for the SP, power can be shared between the two devices and/or the SP can be plugged in, via for example, an AC adaptor, which is capable of charging one or more of the SP and the device 100. Then, in step S3808, the display of the device 100 is optionally turned off to, for example, conserve power. Control then continues to step S3810. In step S3810, communication and/or connectivity are established between the device 100 and the SP. Next, in step S3812, display and other input/output functions on the SP are enabled. Then, in step S3814, the device software settings are mapped to the smartpad hardware settings. Control then continues to step S3816.

In step S3816, the screen orientation of the device is automatically aligned to the orientation of the SP. Next, in step S3818, the last application in focus on the device remains in focus and is displayed on the SP. Normal operation and interaction with the SP then continues utilizing, for example, the same gestures as are usable with the device 100. Control then continues to step S3820 where the control sequence ends.

FIG. 39 illustrates an exemplary method of application/display orientation/reorientation. In particular, control begins in step S3900 and continues to step S3902. In step S3902, the orientation of the SP is detected. Next, in step S3904, the application orientation on the device is detected. Then, in step S3906, one or more displayed applications are reoriented to be in the same orientation as the SP. In addition, and based on the need for reorientation, a re-drawing or re-sizing of the application can also occur with the application(s) being displayed on the SP. Control then continues to step S3908 where the control sequence ends.

FIG. 40 outlines an exemplary method for managing the keyboard. In particular, control begins in step S4000 and continues to step S4002. In step S4002, determination is made as to whether a keyboard request has been detected. If a keyboard request has not been detected, control jumps back to step S4000 with control otherwise continuing to step S4004. In step S4004, a determination is made as to the orientation of the SP. If the SP is in the landscape orientation, control jumps to step S4010 with control otherwise continuing to step S4006 with the SP being in the portrait orientation. In step S4006, the keyboard is displayed in the portrait mode.

Next, in step S4008, a determination is made as to whether there has been an orientation change. If there has been an

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orientation change, control jumps to step S4010 with control otherwise continuing to step S4014.

In step S4010, the keyboard is displayed in the landscape mode. Next, in step S4012, a determination is made as to whether there has been a change in orientation of the SP. If there has been a change in the orientation, control jumps to step S4006 with control otherwise continuing to S4014.

In step S4014, a determination is made as to whether the keyboard should be hidden. If the keyboard should be hidden, control continues to step S4016 with control otherwise continuing back to step S4004.

In step S4016, the keyboard is hidden with control continuing to step S4018 where the control sequence ends.

FIG. 41 illustrates an exemplary method for window management. In particular, control begins in step S4100 and continues to step S4102. In step S4102 a gesture is detected. As will be appreciated, and similar to the device 100, this gesture can be on the touch-sensitive display, in a configurable area, and/or in the gesture capture region(s). In step S4104, gesture direction can also optionally be detected. Then, in step S4106, the next application window can be brought into view, enabling, for example, a user to scroll through application window stack. A determination is then made as to whether another gesture has been detected. If another gesture has been detected, control jumps back to step S4104 with control otherwise continuing to step S4110.

FIG. 42 outlines an exemplary method for screen management. In particular, control begins in step S4200 and continues to step S4202. In step S4202, multiple application mode is enabled via, for example, selection of a button or toggle. Next, in step S4204, a user is optionally prompted to select which applications will be displayed. In an alternative embodiment, two adjacent applications in the stack are displayed, with one of the applications being the application that is currently in focus. Then, in step S4206, the screen is split with the first portion of the screen displaying a first application and a second portion of the screen displaying a second application. Next, in S4208, the application that was detected to be in focus is then highlighted on the SP in step S4210. Control then continues to step S4212.

In step S4212, a determination is made as to whether a new application has been brought into focus. If a new application has been brought into focus, control jumps back to step S4210 where that application is highlighted with an “in-focus” indicator. Otherwise, control continues to step S4214 where the control sequence ends.

FIG. 43 outlines an exemplary method for windows management. In particular, control begins in step S4300 and continues to step S4302. In step S4302, a determination is made as to whether the application can be maximized. Next, in step S4304, if the application is maximizable, control jumps to step S4306 where the application is expanded to either the dual screen mode or the max mode. Control then continues to step S4308 where the control sequence ends.

FIG. 44 outlines an exemplary method for transitioning from an application window to the desktop. In particular, control begins in step S4400 and continues to step S4402. In step S4402, the last application in the application window stack is detected. Next, in step S4404, a gesture is detected, the gesture requesting a “next” window, however the current window is the last application in the window stack. In this scenario, in step S4406, the desktop is displayed in that there are no further windows to display in the application window stack. Control then continues to step S4408 where the control sequence ends.

FIG. 45 illustrates an exemplary method of emulating the multi-screen display of the device 100 on the SP1000. In

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particular, control beings in step **S4500** and continues to step **S4502**. In step **S4502**, the desktop is displayed on the SP. Next, in step **S4504**, the desktop is logically divided on the SP into, for example, two sections. Then in step **S4506**, a first screen of the desktop is displayed in a first logical portion of the SP display. Then, in step **S4508**, a second screen of the desktop is displayed in a second logical portion of the SP display. Control then continues to step **S4510**.

In step **S4510**, carousel movement of the “panels” shown in the display can be initiated through user input, such as a gesture. Control then continues to step **S4512** where the control sequence ends.

FIG. **46** outlines an exemplary method of displaying multiple “panels” of the desktop on the SP. In particular, control begins in step **S4600** and continues to step **S4602**. In step **S4602**, a portion of the desktop is displayed on the SP. Next, in step **S4604**, the desktop is logically divided on the smartpad to accommodate multiple desktop “panels.” Then, in step **S4608**, the first screen or panel of the desktop is displayed in one logical portion of the SP display. Then, in step **S4610**, a second screen or panel of the desktop is displayed bridging a first and a second logical portion of the SP display. Then, a third screen or panel of the desktop is displayed in the second logical portion of the SP display. Control then continues to step **S4614**.

In step **S4614** carousel movement of the panels can be affected by, for example, an input of a gesture by the user. Control then continues to step **S4616** where the control sequence ends.

FIG. **47** outlines an exemplary method of displaying one or more portions of the desktop. In particular, control begins in step **S4700** and continues to step **S4702**. In step **S4702**, an access request to the desktop is detected. Next, in step **S4704**, at least one desktop panel is displayed. Then, in step **S4706**, at least one additional desktop panel is partially displayed on the desktop. Control then continues to step **S4708**.

In step **S4708**, and upon detection of a gesture, the partially displayed panel can be completely displayed on the display of the SP. Control then continues to step **S4710** where the control sequence ends.

FIG. **48** outlines an exemplary method of windows management in multiple application mode. In particular, control begins in step **S4800** and continues to step **S4802**. In step **S4802**, multiple application mode is entered. Next, in step **S4804**, the windows stack is arranged with one or more applications being partially visible behind a first application. Next, in step **S4806**, the stack can be arranged with one or more applications also partially being visible behind a second application. Then, in step **S4808**, and upon receiving an input gesture from a user, carousel-like scrolling can be enabled through the stack until the end of the stack is reached, or in a second embodiment, the stack can have a “circular” arrangement where continuous scrolling through the stack is possible. Control then continues to step **S4810** where the control sequence ends.

The exemplary systems and methods of this disclosure have been described in relation to a smartpad and interaction with the device. However, to avoid unnecessarily obscuring the present disclosure, the preceding description omits a number of known structures and devices. This omission is not to be construed as a limitation of the scopes of the claims. Specific details are set forth to provide an understanding of the present disclosure. It should however be appreciated that the present disclosure may be practiced in a variety of ways beyond the specific detail set forth herein.

For example, the smartpad could have multiple physical and/or logical screens/displays. Additionally, the smartpad

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could be used with one or more input devices such as a stylus, mouse, or the like. Moreover, the smartpad could be populated with a processor, memory, communications means and the like that would allow for stand-alone operation. Even further, the smartpad could be associated or docked with other types of communications devices such as a smartphone such that the smartpad could be used as a display and/or I/O interface therefore.

An embodiment of a method **4900** for executing an application, such as an e-mail client application, is shown in FIG. **49**. While a general order for the steps of the method **4900** is shown in FIG. **49**. Generally, the method **4900** starts with a start operation **4904** and ends with an end operation **4940**. The method **4900** can include more or fewer steps or can arrange the order of the steps differently than those shown in FIG. **49**. The method **4900** can be executed as a set of computer-executable instructions executed by a computer system and encoded or stored on a computer readable medium. Hereinafter, the method **4900** shall be explained with reference to the systems, components, modules, software, data structures, user interfaces, etc. described in conjunction with FIGS. **1-48**.

An application, such as an email application, is executed, in step **4908**. In embodiments, a processor **204** receives indication to execute an application through a user interface **110**, **114**, **112**, **116**, etc. The indication can be a selection of an icon associated with the application. In other embodiments, the indication can be a signal generated from another application or event, such as receiving an e-mail or other communication, which causes the application to execute automatically. The processor **204** can retrieve the application **564a** from the application store **560** and begin its execution. In executing the application **564a**, a user interface can be generated for a user, as described in conjunction with FIGS. **50-61D**.

In creating a user interface, the application **564a** can begin executing to create a manifest, in step **4912**. A manifest is a data structure that indicates the capabilities of the application **564a**. The manifest can generally be created from the resources in the resources directory of the application **564a**. The resources directory can indicate the types of modes, locations, or other indications for how the user interface should be configured in the multi-display device **100**. For example, the several modes can include: “classic mode” that indicates that the application **564a** is capable of being displayed on a single screen or display **110/114**; “dual mode” that indicates that the application **564a** is capable of being displayed on two or more displays **110** and **114**; “max mode” that indicates the application **564a** is capable of being displayed or desires to be displayed across multiple displays **110** and **114**; and/or “bilateral mode” that indicates that the application **564a** is capable of being displayed on 2 or more displays **110** and **114** when the device **100** is in easel mode (see FIGS. **11** and/or **1J**).

Similarly, the manifest can include a desired or allowed location within the displays **110/114**. The possible locations can include: “left”, which indicates that the application **564a** desires to be displayed on the left display **110**; “right”, which indicates that the application **564a** desires to be displayed on the right display **114**; and/or other indications of where a location should be including possible “top” and/or “bottom” of one or more of the displays **110/114**.

The application **564a** can also indicate that it desires to be displayed in a “minimum” window, which is a window that occupies less than the full area of a single display. There may be other modes possible for the application **564a**, which may

be included in the manifest. The manifest can be sent from the application 564a to the multi-display management module 524.

The multi-display management module 524 can receive the manifest, in step 4916. In receiving the manifest, the multi-display management module 524 can use the information to determine a display binding for the application 564a. The manifest may be received more than once from the application 564a based on changes in how the application 564a is being executed, where the application 564a desires to have a different display setting for the new mode. Thus, with the manifest, the application 564a can indicate to the multi-display management module 524 how best to or what is the desired for the application's user interface. The multi-display management module 524 can use the information in the manifest to determine the best fit for the user interface depending on how the device 100 is currently configured.

The multi-display management module 524 can determine the application display mode, in step 4920. Here the multi-display management module 524 receives or retrieves an indication of the device 100 configuration. For example, the multi-display management module 524 can determine if the device is in single display configuration (see FIG. 6A, 6B, 6D, or 6E), dual display configuration (see FIG. 6C or 6F), bilateral display configuration (see FIG. 6G or 6H), or one of the other display configurations (see FIG. 6I or 6J).

Further, the multi-display management module 524 can determine if the device 100 is in a portrait or landscape orientation. With this information, the multi-display management module 524 may then consider the capabilities or preferences listed for the application 564a in the received manifest. The combined information may then allow the multi-display management module 524 to determine a display binding. The display binding can include which of the one or more displays 110 and/or 114 are going to be used to display the application's user interface(s). For example, the multi-display management module 524 can determine that the primary display 110, the secondary display 114, or all displays 110 and 114 of the device 100 will be used to display the application's user interface.

The display modes setting can be assigned by creating or setting a number in the display binding. This number can be "0" for the primary display 110, "1" for the secondary display 114, or "2" for dual displays 110 and 114. The display mode setting can also indicate if the application 564a should display the user interface in portrait or landscape orientation. Further, there may be other settings, for example, providing a max mode or other setting that may indicate how the application 564a is to be displayed on the device. The display binding information is stored in a data structure to create and set a binding, in step 4924.

The established display binding may then be provided, by the multi-display management module 524, to the application 564a, in step 4928. The provided display binding data structure can become an attribute of the application 564a. An application 564a may thereafter store the display binding attribute in the memory of the device 100. The application 564a with the display binding may then generate a user interface based on this display binding. The application 564a may be unaware of the position of the display 110/114 but may, from the display binding, be able to determine the size of the available user interface to generate a window that has particular characteristics for that display setting.

When a configuration change happens to the device 100, the multi-display management module 524 may change the display binding and send a new display binding to the application 564a. In embodiments, the multi-display management

module 524 may indicate to the application 564a that there is a new binding or, in other embodiments, the application 564a may request a display configuration change or a new display binding, in which case the multi-display management module 524 may send a new display binding to the application 564a. Thus, the multi-display management module 524 can change the configuration of the display for the application 564a by altering the display binding for the application 564a during the execution of that application 564a.

The multi-display management module 524 thereafter, while the application 564a is executing, can determine if there has been a configuration change to the device 100, in step 4932. The configuration change may be an event (see FIGS. 3A and 3B) triggered by one or more signals from one or more hardware sensor 172, 176, etc. For example, if the device 100 is changed from portrait 304 to landscape 340 orientation, Hall effect sensors 172 may indicate to the framework 520 that a display configuration change has been made. Other changes may include transitions from a single display 304 to a dual display configuration 320, by opening the device. Other types of configuration changes may be possible and may be signaled to alert the multi-display management module 524 of the configuration change. If a configuration change has been made, the method 4900 proceeds YES to step 4920 so that the multi-display management module 524 can determine new application display mode settings and create a new display binding, which may be passed to the application 564a. If there are no configuration changes, the method 4900 precedes NO to step 4936.

In step 4936, a new application mode change may be determined. Application mode changes can also occur in the application 564a, and thus, the application 564a can determine if something has occurred within the application 564a that requires a different display setting. Modes are described hereinafter with respect to FIG. 51. The mode change can create a desire to change the display 110/114, and thus, require the application 564a to generate a new manifest. If the application 564a does sense a mode change or an event has occurred that requires a change in display setting, the method 4900 proceeds YES back to step 4912. At step 4912, a new manifest or preference is created by the application 564a that may be received by the multi-display management module 524 to determine if the multi-display management module 524 can change the display binding. If it is possible to provide the preferred display, the multi-display management module 524 can create a new display binding and send display binding back to the application 564a and allow the application 564a to alter its user interface. If no mode change is sensed or an event is not received to create a mode change, the method 4900 proceeds NO to end operation 4940.

One of the applications that may be executed by the device is an e-mail client. The e-mail client can have a user interface 5000 that has a particular structure as described in FIG. 50. Here, the user interface 5000 may have one or more portions that can be standard or may be generalized across all displays generated by the email client. The portions may include an annunciator bar 5004, a header bar 5008, a text tab bar 5012, a content area 5016, and/or an action menu bar 5020. Each of these different portions are described hereinafter.

The annunciator bar 5004 is a portion of the user interface 5000 that may display one or more system settings. For example, the annunciator bar 5004 can include a current time, a power level, one or more indications of what networks may be available to communicate over (such as Bluetooth, a cell network, an 802.50 network, etc.), or other indications of

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system settings. This information may be displayed as icons or other types of user interface devices in the annunciator bar **5000**.

The header bar **5008** can indicate what the specific user interface is being displayed. For example, the header bar **5008** can include text that says “email”, “combined inbox”, or other information to indicate what type of user interface is being displayed. The header bar **5008** allows the user to determine quickly the status or mode of the email application and understand the context of the information being displayed in other portions of the user interface **5000**.

The text tab bar **5012** can provide one or more selectable user interface devices that allow the user to change the display **5000**, to configure the display **5000**, or to interact with application data in a manner that best suits the user. For example, the text tab bar **5012**, for a combined email inbox, can have user-selectable buttons, such as, “all”, “sender”, “subject”, etc., which may allow the user to sort the emails within the inbox by sender or by subject, or display the emails together in a chronological order. Thus, the text tab bar **5012** allows the user to interact with the email user interface **5000**.

The content area **5016** can provide one or more user-specific items of information. For example, in the combined inbox, the content area **5016** can display at least portions of emails or information about emails within the users email inbox. This information may include the date the email was sent or received, the person that sent the email, whether there is an attachment to the email, whether the email has been read or not, the subject of the email including a regarding header, at least a portion of the email, or other information that may be pertinent or required by the user. This information may be organized differently depending upon what the email application is doing or what service the email application is providing at the time.

The action menu bar **5020** can provide one or more user-selectable devices that allow the user to change the email application operation or system operation. For example, the action menu bar can **5020** include an undo selection, a compose selection, a read all selection, or some other device that changes or causes the email application to execute an operation. These user selectable devices in the action menu bar **5020** can have more global effect than those selectable devices described in the text tab bar, which may only affect the information within the content area **5016**. Hereinafter, the email application user interfaces will be described in conjunction with the different modes possible within the email application. These different modes may change the look and feel of the user interface for the email application. However, these different user interface layouts generally follow the structures described in FIG. **50**.

An email application is capable of several different application modes as shown in FIG. **51**. The diagram **5100** displays at least some of the different possible modes and sub-modes within an email client application. The general modes that exist at the top tier of the diagram **5100** are described hereinafter, however the sub-modes may not be described because those sub-modes may be self-evident, by the information in the diagram, or may create user interfaces which shall be shown hereinafter but described only in relation to the general modes.

A first run experience mode **5104** generally is an application mode that allows the user to begin using the email application. The first run experience allows the user to establish names and passwords, to configure to different email accounts that are associated with the combined inbox, and/or to establish other information that allows the user to begin using the email application.

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The application settings mode **5108** changes the different application settings for the user. These application settings can include how items are displayed or other configurations for changing the user interface described in conjunction with FIG. **50**. Other application settings may determine standard or default settings for how information is arranged or presented.

Email accounts view **5112** allows the user to add, delete, or change the email accounts associated with the email application or to configure the combined inbox. For example, the email accounts mode **5112** allows the user to add a new email account. The user may use his or her work email and/or personal email in a combined inbox. The add email accounts function allows the user to add another inbox into the combined inbox. The email accounts mode **5112** may also allow the user to manage folders within the combined inbox, for example, adding, deleting, renaming, or changing the display of folders that store one or more emails. These folders can be displayed in the combined inbox to allow the user to better manage the different email messages.

The email list, or combined inbox mode **5116**, allows the user to retrieve, read, respond, and/or interact emails. Thus, the combined inbox allows the user to display emails in one or more views. The combined inbox **5116** may have sub-modes for sorting the display of the emails, for example, the all mode **5120**, which shows all the emails in a chronological order. The combined inbox **5116** can have also have a “by sender” sub-mode **5124**, which can display the emails, in the combined inbox, by the sender in alphabetical order. Further, the combined inbox mode **5116** can have a “by subject” sub-mode **5128** which can display the emails by the subject in alphabetical order. The combined inbox mode **5116** can also allow the user to manage the emails by editing a list, moving emails into folders, deleting emails, printing emails, or doing other managerial tasks with the emails in the combined inbox.

An email detail view mode **5132** allows the user to interact or read a particular email. Thus, the user may select an email, within the combined inbox view mode **5116**, which may transition the email application to the email detail mode **5132**. Within the email detail view, the user may be able to respond or manage the email, including moving the email to a folder, deleting the email, printing the email, or viewing attachments associated with the email. Thus, the user is able to interact with the content of a particular email within the email detail view mode **5132**.

A compose email mode **5136** allows the user to write or create an email either in response to another email or by originating the email. The composed email mode **5136** may allow the user to select the contact to send the email to, allow the user to change which account from which to send the email, add attachments to the email, save the email as a draft, discard the email, and/or send the email. These tasks may be conducted within the user interface generated by the compose email mode **5136**. The compose email mode **5136** may be transitioned into by selecting the compose button or selecting a reply button in one of the other modes including, but not limited to, the combined inbox mode **5116** or the email detail view mode **5132**. Each of these different modes may have user interfaces to provide information to the user. These different modes may be transitioned between each other and thus cause the user interface to change.

In embodiments, the user interface mode may change depending on the application mode. Thus, the email application may require, for example, a classic user interface mode when in first run experience or adding email accounts but require a dual display or max mode in email detail view or compose email modes. Thus, by changing the application

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mode, the application may desire a new user interface, which requires the application to send a new manifest to the multi-display management module 524. These transitions are as described in conjunction with FIG. 949, and the display changes may be described in the various figures provided hereinafter. Thus, the application is able to transition between different displays based on the application mode thus changing which type of displays will be seen as described in the figures that are presented hereinafter. Further, depending on the display configuration (single display, dual display, bilateral display, etc.) each application mode may have different user interface configurations. These user configurations may also be shown in the figures that proceed hereinafter. The application can transition between different user interfaces even when in the same application modes when the device 100 changes its configuration.

The figures described hereinafter, i.e., FIGS. 52A through 61D, are arranged similarly. Each set of figures, e.g., FIGS. 52A-52D, 53A-53D, etc., represent user interfaces different device configurations but the same application mode. Thus, it is possible to understand how the user interface will change in a single application mode when the device configuration changes. Further, by comparing the same relative figure (i.e., has the same letter at the end of the figure number) between sets of figures, e.g., comparing FIG. 52A to FIG. 55A, comparing FIG. 60D to FIG. 57D, it is possible to understand how the user interface changes when the application mode changes. Thus, the following figures demonstrate how the email client application displays content based on the device state and the application mode. Transitions between email application user interfaces may be as described in conjunction with FIG. 49.

FIGS. 52A-52D show the user interfaces for the first run experience application mode 5104. User interface 5204 may be displayed when the device 100 is in the closed, portrait configuration (as described in conjunction with FIGS. 6A and/or 6B). User interface 5208 and 5212 may be displayed when the device 100 is in the portrait, dual-display configuration (as described in conjunction with FIG. 6C). When transitioning to the dual-display configuration, a new child window may be opened, the window 5208 may expand across both displays, a keyboard may expand across both displays, or the window 5208 may remain in the set screen and other content from another application or the desktop may be shown in the other screen 5212.

User interface 5224 may be displayed when the device 100 is in the closed, landscape configuration (as described in conjunction with FIGS. 6D and/or 6E). User interface 5216 and 5220 may be displayed when the device 100 is in the landscape, dual-display configuration (as described in conjunction with FIG. 6F). When transitioning to the dual-display configuration, a new child window may be opened, the window 5224 may expand across both displays, a keyboard may expand across one of the displays, or the window 5216 may remain in the set screen and other content from another application or the desktop may be shown in the other screen 5220. The particular configuration for this application mode and display configuration are as shown in the FIGS. 52A-52D.

FIGS. 53A-53D show the user interfaces for the application settings mode 5108. User interface 5304 may be displayed when the device 100 is in the closed, portrait configuration (as described in conjunction with FIGS. 6A and/or 6B). User interface 5308 and 5312 may be displayed when the device 100 is in the portrait, dual-display configuration (as described in conjunction with FIG. 6C). When transitioning to the dual-display configuration, a new child window may be

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opened, the window 5308 may expand across both displays, a keyboard may expand across both displays, or the window 5308 may remain in the set screen and other content from another application or the desktop may be shown in the other screen 5312.

User interface 5324 may be displayed when the device 100 is in the closed, landscape configuration (as described in conjunction with FIGS. 6D and/or 6E). User interface 5316 and 5320 may be displayed when the device 100 is in the landscape, dual-display configuration (as described in conjunction with FIG. 6F). When transitioning to the dual-display configuration, a new child window may be opened, the window 5324 may expand across both displays, a keyboard may expand across one of the displays, or the window 5316 may remain in the set screen and other content from another application or the desktop may be shown in the other screen 5320. The particular configuration for this application mode and display configuration are as shown in the FIGS. 53A-53D.

FIGS. 54A-54D show the user interfaces for the email accounts mode 5112. User interface 5404 may be displayed when the device 100 is in the closed, portrait configuration (as described in conjunction with FIGS. 6A and/or 6B). User interface 5408 and 5412 may be displayed when the device 100 is in the portrait, dual-display configuration (as described in conjunction with FIG. 6C). When transitioning to the dual-display configuration, a new child window may be opened, the window 5408 may expand across both displays, a keyboard may expand across both displays, or the window 5408 may remain in the set screen and other content from another application or the desktop may be shown in the other screen 5412.

User interface 5424 may be displayed when the device 100 is in the closed, landscape configuration (as described in conjunction with FIGS. 6D and/or 6E). User interface 5416 and 5420 may be displayed when the device 100 is in the landscape, dual-display configuration (as described in conjunction with FIG. 6F). When transitioning to the dual-display configuration, a new child window may be opened, the window 5424 may expand across both displays, a keyboard may expand across one of the displays, or the window 5416 may remain in the set screen and other content from another application or the desktop may be shown in the other screen 5420. The particular configuration for this application mode and display configuration are as shown in the FIGS. 54A-54D.

FIGS. 55A-55D show the user interfaces for the email accounts mode 5112. User interface 5504 may be displayed when the device 100 is in the closed, portrait configuration (as described in conjunction with FIGS. 6A and/or 6B). User interface 5508 and 5512 may be displayed when the device 100 is in the portrait, dual-display configuration (as described in conjunction with FIG. 6C). When transitioning to the dual-display configuration, a new child window may be opened, the window 5508 may expand across both displays, a keyboard may expand across both displays, or the window 5508 may remain in the set screen and other content from another application or the desktop may be shown in the other screen 5512.

User interface 5524 may be displayed when the device 100 is in the closed, landscape configuration (as described in conjunction with FIGS. 6D and/or 6E). User interface 5516 and 5520 may be displayed when the device 100 is in the landscape, dual-display configuration (as described in conjunction with FIG. 6F). When transitioning to the dual-display configuration, a new child window may be opened, the window 5524 may expand across both displays, a keyboard

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window **6024** may expand across both displays, a keyboard may expand across one of the displays, or the window **6016** may remain in the set screen and other content from another application or the desktop may be shown in the other screen **6020**. The particular configuration for this application mode and display configuration are as shown in the FIGS. **60A-60D**.

FIGS. **61A-61D** show the user interfaces for the compose email mode **5136**. User interface **6104** may be displayed when the device **100** is in the closed, portrait configuration (as described in conjunction with FIGS. **6A** and/or **6B**). User interface **6108** and **6112** may be displayed when the device **100** is in the portrait, dual-display configuration (as described in conjunction with FIG. **6C**). When transitioning to the dual-display configuration, a new child window may be opened, the window **6108** may expand across both displays, a keyboard may expand across both displays, or the window **6108** may remain in the set screen and other content from another application or the desktop may be shown in the other screen **6112**.

User interface **6124** may be displayed when the device **100** is in the closed, landscape configuration (as described in conjunction with FIGS. **6D** and/or **6E**). User interface **6116** and **6120** may be displayed when the device **100** is in the landscape, dual-display configuration (as described in conjunction with FIG. **6F**). When transitioning to the dual-display configuration, a new child window may be opened, the window **6124** may expand across both displays, a keyboard may expand across one of the displays, or the window **6116** may remain in the set screen and other content from another application or the desktop may be shown in the other screen **6120**. The particular configuration for this application mode and display configuration are as shown in the FIGS. **61A-61D**.

FIGS. **62A-B** show the user interfaces for the email detail mode **5132** but as shown on the smartpad **6200**. It should be noted that all user interface transitions shown with respect to FIGS. **52A-61D** can also be displayed or provided on the smartpad **6200**, although the formatting may be different in minor respects. It should also be noted that although the smartpad **6200** is a single screen device, the smartpad **6200** can display two or more virtual displays as shown in FIG. **62A**. User interface **6204** may be display windows **6208** and **6212** when the smartpad **6200** device **100** is in the landscape configuration. User interface **6216** may be displayed when the smartpad **6200** is in the portrait configuration. When transitioning to different configurations, a new child window may be opened, the window **6212** may expand across both displays, a keyboard may expand across both virtual displays, or the window **6208** may remain in the set screen and other content from another application or the desktop may be shown in the other virtual display.

Furthermore, while the exemplary aspects, embodiments, and/or configurations illustrated herein show the various components of the system collocated, certain components of the system can be located remotely, at distant portions of a distributed network, such as a LAN and/or the Internet, or within a dedicated system. Thus, it should be appreciated, that the components of the system can be combined in to one or more devices, such as a tablet-like device, or collocated on a particular node of a distributed network, such as an analog and/or digital telecommunications network, a packet-switch network, or a circuit-switched network. It will be appreciated from the preceding description, and for reasons of computational efficiency, that the components of the system can be arranged at any location within a distributed network of components without affecting the operation of the system. For

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example, the various components can be located in a switch such as a PBX and media server, gateway, in one or more communications devices, at one or more users' premises, or some combination thereof. Similarly, one or more functional portions of the system could be distributed between a telecommunications device(s) and an associated computing device.

Furthermore, it should be appreciated that the various links connecting the elements can be wired or wireless links, or any combination thereof, or any other known or later developed element(s) that is capable of supplying and/or communicating data to and from the connected elements. These wired or wireless links can also be secure links and may be capable of communicating encrypted information. Transmission media used as links, for example, can be any suitable carrier for electrical signals, including coaxial cables, copper wire and fiber optics, and may take the form of acoustic or light waves, such as those generated during radio-wave and infra-red data communications.

Also, while the flowcharts have been discussed and illustrated in relation to a particular sequence of events, it should be appreciated that changes, additions, and omissions to this sequence can occur without materially affecting the operation of the disclosed embodiments, configuration, and aspects.

In yet another embodiment, the systems and methods of this disclosure can be implemented in conjunction with a special purpose computer, a programmed microprocessor or microcontroller and peripheral integrated circuit element(s), an ASIC or other integrated circuit, a digital signal processor, a hard-wired electronic or logic circuit such as discrete element circuit, a programmable logic device or gate array such as PLD, PLA, FPGA, PAL, special purpose computer, any comparable means, or the like. In general, any device(s) or means capable of implementing the methodology illustrated herein can be used to implement the various aspects of this disclosure. Exemplary hardware that can be used for the disclosed embodiments, configurations and aspects includes computers, handheld devices, telephones (e.g., cellular, Internet enabled, digital, analog, hybrids, and others), and other hardware known in the art. Some of these devices include processors (e.g., a single or multiple microprocessors), memory, nonvolatile storage, input devices, and output devices. Furthermore, alternative software implementations including, but not limited to, distributed processing or component/object distributed processing, parallel processing, or virtual machine processing can also be constructed to implement the methods described herein.

In yet another embodiment, the disclosed methods may be readily implemented in conjunction with software using object or object-oriented software development environments that provide portable source code that can be used on a variety of computer or workstation platforms. Alternatively, the disclosed system may be implemented partially or fully in hardware using standard logic circuits or VLSI design. Whether software or hardware is used to implement the systems in accordance with this disclosure is dependent on the speed and/or efficiency requirements of the system, the particular function, and the particular software or hardware systems or microprocessor or microcomputer systems being utilized.

In yet another embodiment, the disclosed methods may be partially implemented in software that can be stored on a storage medium, executed on programmed general-purpose computer with the cooperation of a controller and memory, a special purpose computer, a microprocessor, or the like. In these instances, the systems and methods of this disclosure can be implemented as program embedded on personal com-

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puter such as an applet, JAVA® or CGI script, as a resource residing on a server or computer workstation, as a routine embedded in a dedicated measurement system, system component, or the like. The system can also be implemented by physically incorporating the system and/or method into a software and/or hardware system.

Although the present disclosure describes components and functions implemented in the aspects, embodiments, and/or configurations with reference to particular standards and protocols, the aspects, embodiments, and/or configurations are not limited to such standards and protocols. Other similar standards and protocols not mentioned herein are in existence and are considered to be included in the present disclosure. Moreover, the standards and protocols mentioned herein and other similar standards and protocols not mentioned herein are periodically superseded by faster or more effective equivalents having essentially the same functions. Such replacement standards and protocols having the same functions are considered equivalents included in the present disclosure.

The present disclosure, in various aspects, embodiments, and/or configurations, includes components, methods, processes, systems and/or apparatus substantially as depicted and described herein, including various aspects, embodiments, configurations, embodiments, subcombinations, and/or subsets thereof. Those of skill in the art will understand how to make and use the disclosed aspects, embodiments, and/or configurations after understanding the present disclosure. The present disclosure, in various aspects, embodiments, and/or configurations, includes providing devices and processes in the absence of items not depicted and/or described herein or in various aspects, embodiments, and/or configurations hereof, including in the absence of such items as may have been used in previous devices or processes, e.g., for improving performance, achieving ease and/or reducing cost of implementation.

The foregoing discussion has been presented for purposes of illustration and description. The foregoing is not intended to limit the disclosure to the form or forms disclosed herein. In the foregoing Detailed Description for example, various features of the disclosure are grouped together in one or more aspects, embodiments, and/or configurations for the purpose of streamlining the disclosure. The features of the aspects, embodiments, and/or configurations of the disclosure may be combined in alternate aspects, embodiments, and/or configurations other than those discussed above. This method of disclosure is not to be interpreted as reflecting an intention that the claims require more features than are expressly recited in each claim. Rather, as the following claims reflect, inventive aspects lie in less than all features of a single foregoing disclosed aspect, embodiment, and/or configuration. Thus, the following claims are hereby incorporated into this Detailed Description, with each claim standing on its own as a separate preferred embodiment of the disclosure.

Moreover, though the description has included description of one or more aspects, embodiments, and/or configurations and certain variations and modifications, other variations, combinations, and modifications are within the scope of the disclosure, e.g., as may be within the skill and knowledge of those in the art, after understanding the present disclosure. It is intended to obtain rights which include alternative aspects, embodiments, and/or configurations to the extent permitted, including alternate, interchangeable and/or equivalent structures, functions, ranges or steps to those claimed, whether or not such alternate, interchangeable and/or equivalent struc-

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tures, functions, ranges or steps are disclosed herein, and without intending to publicly dedicate any patentable subject matter.

What is claimed is:

1. A method, comprising:

providing a device having at least first and second screens, the first and second screens connected with a hinge wherein when the hinge is closed, the screens are side-by-side and when the hinge is fully open, the screens are back-to-back, the device having a plurality of states, the states at least including, open, closed, transition and ease;

in a first display mode, presenting a first user interface for an email application only on a first screen, wherein the first display mode includes displaying content in a portrait orientation and displaying content on the first screen, wherein in the first display mode, only the first screen is visible to a user, the first user interface managed by a window stack associated with the first screen; receiving input from a user, wherein the input includes a change in the number of screens that are in view of the user;

determining a second display mode, wherein the second display mode includes displaying content in a portrait orientation and displaying content on at least the first and second screens;

in response to the change in the number of screens that are in view of the user and the determination that the device is in a second display mode, presenting the first user interface on a first screen; and

in response to the change in the number of screens that are in view of the user and the determination that the device is in a second display mode: presenting a second user interface on a second screen, wherein the second user interface is also associated with the email application and the second user interface is managed by a second window stack associated with the second screen, each of the window stack and second window stack being logical windows stacks managed by a task management module and convertible by an application model manager to a linear organization upon receipt of the input from the user, and presenting a configurable area on one of the first screen and the second screen based on context of the device, the configurable area having limited display capabilities relative to respective touch screens on the first screen and second screen;

wherein when changing to the second display mode the email application program is further operable to change at least one of a size, an orientation, or a position of at least one user interface object in the first user interface or the second user interface; and

wherein when changing to the second display mode the email application program is further operable to at least one of open a new child window, expand the email application program window across both displays, expand a keyboard across both displays, or maintain the email application program window in the set screen and show other content from another application or the desktop in the other screen.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein in the first user interface and the second user interface present different content.

3. The method of claim 2, wherein the second user interface is a child window of the first user interface.

4. The method of claim 3, wherein the email application remains in a single application mode during the change in the number of screens that are in view of the user.

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5. The method of claim 4, wherein the email application mode is one of first run experience mode, application settings mode, email accounts mode, combined inbox mode, email detail mode, or compose email mode.

6. The method of claim 5, wherein the first user interface includes one or more of an annunciator bar, a header bar, a text tab bar, a content area, or an action menu bar.

7. The method of claim 6, wherein the input from the user is the user opening the device.

8. The method of claim 7, wherein the first user interface is displayed for a first email application mode and the second user interface is displayed for a second email application mode.

9. The method of claim 8, further comprising:
 executing the email application;
 receiving a manifest;
 setting a display binding for the email application based on the first display mode; and
 providing the display binding to the email application.

10. The method of claim 9, further comprising:
 setting a second display binding in response to the change in the number of screens; and
 providing the second display binding to the email application to present the second user interface.

11. A device, comprising:
 a first screen, the first screen including a touch sensitive display area;
 a second screen, the second screen including a touch sensitive display area, wherein in a first operating mode only one of the first and second screens is in view of the user and in portrait orientation, and wherein in a second operating mode both the first screen and the second screen are in view of the user and in portrait orientation, the first and second screens connected with a hinge wherein when the hinge is closed, the screens are side-by-side and when the hinge is fully open, the screens are back-to-back, the device having a plurality of states, the states at least including, open, closed, transition and easel;
 a memory;
 a processor;
 an email application program stored in the memory and executed by the processor, wherein the application programming:
 presents a first user interface in a first display mode, wherein the first display mode includes displaying content in a portrait orientation and displaying content on the first screen,
 receives input from a user, wherein the input includes a change in the number of screens that are in view of the user;
 determines a second display mode, wherein the second display mode includes displaying content in a portrait orientation and displaying content on at least the first and second screens;
 presents a first user interface and a second user interface in the second display mode where in both the first screen and the second screen are in view of the user through a change of state, and the first user interface is managed by a window stack associated with the first screen and the second user interface is managed by a second window stack associated with the second screen, each of the window stack and second window stack being logical windows stacks managed by a task management module and convertible by an application model manager to a linear organization upon receipt of the display binding, and

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presents a configurable area on one of the first screen and the second screen based on context of the device, the configurable area having limited display capabilities relative to respective touch screens on the first screen and second screens;
 wherein when changing to the second display mode the email application program is further operable to change at least one of a size, an orientation, or a position of at least one user interface object in the first user interface or the second user interface; and
 wherein when changing to the second display mode the email application program is further operable to at least one of open a new child window, expand the email application program window across both displays, expand a keyboard across both displays, or maintain the email application program window in the set screen and show other content from another application or the desktop in the other screen.

12. The device of claim 11, further comprising:
 the email application program further operable to:
 receive a second display binding, the display binding providing a second display mode; and
 present only a first user interface in the second display mode.

13. The device of claim 11, further comprising:
 the email application program further operable to:
 alter a mode for the email application program;
 in response to altering the mode, send a second manifest to the multi-display management module, the second manifest providing a second preferred display mode; and
 receive a second display binding, the second display binding providing the first display mode; and
 present only the first user interface in the first display mode, wherein the first user interface is provided on both the first and second screens.

14. The device of claim 11, further comprising a multi-display management module operable to:
 receive the manifest;
 determine a display mode;
 create the display binding; and
 send the display binding to the email application program.

15. The device of claim 14, wherein the first display mode is a dual display mode in portrait orientation, and wherein the second display mode is single display mode in portrait orientation.

16. A non-transitory computer readable medium having stored thereon computer-executable instructions, the computer executable instructions causing a processor to execute a method for providing a user interface for an email application, the multi-screen device including first and second screens connected with a hinge wherein when the hinge is closed, the screens are side-by-side and when the hinge is fully open, the screens are back-to-back, the device having a plurality of states, the states at least including, open, closed, transition and easel, the computer-executable instructions comprising:
 instructions to execute the email application;
 instructions to determine a configuration for a device, wherein the configuration is closed with one screen visible by a user and in portrait orientation;
 instructions to determine a first display mode for the device, wherein the first display mode includes displaying content in a portrait orientation and displaying content on the first screen;
 instructions to generate a first user interface for a first screen;

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instructions to receive a device configuration change, wherein the device is opened and both screens are visible after the device configuration change;

instructions to determine a second display mode, wherein the second display mode includes displaying content in a portrait orientation and displaying content on at least the first and second screens;

instructions to generate a first user interface for a first screen and a second user interface for a second screen where both the first screen and the second screen are in view of the user through a change of state, wherein the first user interface is managed by a window stack associated with the first screen and the second user interface is managed by a second window stack associated with the second screen, each of the window stack and second window stack being logical windows stacks managed by a task management module and convertible by an application model manager to a linear organization upon receipt of the instruction to execute the email application; and instructions to present a configurable area on one of the first screen and the second screen based on context of the device, the configurable area having limited display capabilities relative to respective touch screens on the first screen and second screen;

wherein when changing to the second display mode the email application program is further operable to change at least one of a size, an orientation, or a position of at least one user interface object in the first user interface or the second user interface; and

wherein when changing to the second display mode the email application program is further operable to at least one of open a new child window, expand the email application program window across both displays, expand a keyboard across both displays, or maintain the

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email application program window in the set screen and show other content from another application or the desktop in the other screen.

17. The non-transitory computer readable medium of claim 16, wherein both the first user interface and the second user interface are associated with the email application.

18. The non-transitory computer readable medium of claim 17, further comprising:

instructions to alter a mode for the email application;

in response to altering the mode, instructions to send a second manifest, the second manifest providing a second preferred display mode; and

instructions to receive a second display binding, the second display binding providing a second display mode; and instructions to present only the first user interface in the second display mode, wherein the first user interface is provided on both the first and second screens.

19. The non-transitory computer readable medium of claim 18, further comprising:

instructions to receive a device configuration change, wherein the device is closed and only a first screen is visible after the device configuration change;

instructions to create a third display binding, the display binding providing a third display mode;

instructions to receive the third display binding; and

instructions to present only a first user interface on the first screen when in the third display mode.

20. The non-transitory computer readable medium of claim 18, wherein the email application mode is one of first run experience mode, application settings mode, email accounts mode, combined inbox mode, email detail mode, or compose email mode.

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